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# Wanted for Break and Enter

Mark Arike
*Staff Reporter*

## Hungry Black Bear Breaks Into House - Grabs Some 'Fast Food'

Dorothy and Ron Owens awoke to the sounds of a mysterious commotion at their home on Ridge View Rd. in Haliburton this past Monday.

"I was laying in bed waiting for the CBC news at 8," said Ron who thought the noise he heard was coming from the Village of Haliburton, beneath their home. When investigating further, he was surprised to find out that a four-legged, furry friend had made its way into his house.

"I heard the crashing and banging of dishes and then it hit me that we had a coon in the house. I got up and tried to figure out where the sound was coming from. I came down towards the kitchen and could see the front quarter of the bear."

Ron quickly dashed over to tell his wife that a bear had gained entry into their home.

"I was thinking, 'Are you sure it's not just a raccoon?'" said Ron's wife Dorothy. "Ron said, 'Do you think I'm stupid? I know a bear when I see one!"

The bear made its way through the kitchen window by pushing out the screen and climbing in. According to the couples' account, the bear stood at approximately 5 ft. tall.

To try and scare the bear off, Ron opened up a couple of doors in

*Story cont'd... pg. 5 ...*

## Another Step in Defining Haliburton as a Creative Community

**"It's time to attract the 30 to 40 year old people, young families that will support the community."**
**(Barb Bolin)**

Barb Bolin, Chair of the Creative Business Incubator Committee, and the former Principal of Fleming College, Haliburton, had some recommendations for Dysart Council on Monday. Bolin presented the results of a study commissioned in the fall to determine the feasibility of developing a Creative Cluster in the Community.

The study was completed by Roger Jones & Associates. It examined the viability of an arts business incubator that would provide combined working/living space for artists or creative entrepreneurs. The overall objective would be to increase the number of businesses in the community.

During the feasibility study community interviews were conducted, a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis completed, creative business incubators in various communities researched and a summary of results compiled from a needs assessment survey of graduates from five Ontario arts schools.

The study determined that there are valid arguments in support of a Creative Business Cluster in Haliburton. They include Haliburton's significant and well known arts community; the influence creative businesses have on the economy, the area's natural environment as well as the community's

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# Car Plunges into Minden Lake

## Moments from death - unconscious driver pulled from wreckage

Tyson Farrell
*Staff Reporter*

**Local men save man's life in dramatic rescue**

Monday July 14 was a fateful day for Craig Riehl, 24, of Stratford, Ontario. As he drove his car along Horseshoe Lake Road north of Minden he skidded off the pavement and plunged into the lake below. His car sunk beneath the water and settled on the muddy bottom. Within seconds the cabin began filling with water, and Reihl lost consciousness. The accident occurred in a backwater of Minden Lake, several hundred metres south of the Cox farm.

Fortunately for Riehl, help was close at hand. Minden Hills volunteer firefighter Terry Prentice just happened to be driving along Horseshoe Lake Road. As Prentice rounded the corner at approximately 8.45 am, he saw the car beneath the surface of the water. Despite the dire circumstances, Prentice remained calm. He waved down a passing vehicle driven by local teenager Derek Carpenter. Using his cell phone, Carpenter dialed 911. Two volunteer firefighters were called: Jeff Black and Terry Prentice's brother Tom Prentice Jr.

"My brother Jeff, and I were working on a landscaping job just up the road," Tom said. "So we were close by. We arrived at the scene, and a young passerby named Davis Reynolds jumped into the lake with us. The four of us managed to roll the car on its side, because we had a lot of adrenaline going. The doors were locked, so we couldn't get in . I think it was Reynolds that managed to kick through a back window. He then unlocked the doors. We opened the car up and there was a gentleman inside floating facedown, completely lifeless. We pulled him out, and he was unconscious. While we were wading towards shore, he started to breathe." While the unconscious Riehl was dragged ashore, some of the rescuers frantically searched through the sunken car. "It was muddy, and you couldn't see through the water in the car," Tom said. "We were looking for passengers that might have been in there."

*Humble Heroes: l to r – Terry Prentice, Jeff Black, Davis Reynolds, Tom Prentice Jr., Derek Carpenter*

When the rescuers got the battered Riehl up on the road, he started to talk. To the relief of rescuers, he said that he was alone in the car. Shortly thereafter, the fire trucks, police, and ambulance arrived at the scene. Throughout the ordeal, young Derek Carpenter remained on shore, under orders from the 911 dispatcher to remain on the line.

The firefighters' commanding officer Chief Doug Schell is extremely pleased with his crew. "They're performance was excellent, and I'm very proud of them," he said. "Without the firefighters' quick thinking and quick actions, things probably would have gone the other way, and the driver would not have survived. They most definitely saved his life." Schell is looking into "a formal acknowledgment" of the firefighter's bravery.

The valiant men are already being praised as heroes, but Tom isn't sure what to think. "I don't know how to explain it," he said. "If this is what it feels like to be a hero, I don't want be one. Seeing the gentleman floating like that, we thought he might have been dead. Not knowing if there were other passengers in the car was terrifying. It was not fun, and there was no joy in it. We just did what any passerby would have done."

Constable Mark McMaster of the Haliburton Highlands OPP informed the County Voice that Craig Riehl has been charged with Careless Driving.■

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| Wall-E (G) | 4:10 pm | 6:30 & 8:50 |
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▲ 26° ▼ 14°

**FRIDAY**

Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms

▲ 28° ▼ 13°

**SATURDAY**

Slight chance of thunderstorms

▲ 29° ▼ 15°

**SUNDAY**

Partly to mostly sunny skies

▲ 28° ▼ 13°

**MONDAY**

Mostly sunny and pleasant

▲ 27° ▼ 11°

**TUESDAY**

Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms

▲ 26° ▼ 12°

**WEDNESDAY**

Mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms

▲ 27° ▼ 13°

**AROUND THE REGION:** A low pressure system will produce a chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, with only isolated thunderstorms expected Saturday. High pressure will provide partly to mostly sunny skies and pleasant conditions Sunday and Monday. More thunderstorms will return early next week.

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LOTTO 649

July 12, 2008

15 18 19 21 24 36

Bonus Number 37

Encore 5288717

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July 11, 2008

10 17 22 26 28 46 47

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| City | Thursday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bancroft | 26/14/su | 27/14/pc | 29/14/ts | 28/13/pc | 27/11/su | 26/12/su | 27/13/ts |
| Barrie | 28/20/ts | 28/14/ts | 29/14/ts | 28/14/pc | 27/13/pc | 26/12/su | 27/14/ts |
| Dorset | 26/14/su | 27/14/ts | 29/14/ts | 28/13/pc | 27/12/su | 26/12/su | 27/13/ts |
| Haliburton | 26/14/su | 28/13/ts | 29/15/ts | 28/13/pc | 27/11/su | 26/12/su | 27/13/ts |
| Huntsville | 26/14/su | 27/14/ts | 29/15/ts | 28/13/pc | 26/12/su | 26/12/su | 27/14/ts |
| Kingston | 27/16/su | 28/19/pc | 29/19/ts | 27/17/pc | 26/17/su | 26/16/su | 27/17/ts |
| Lindsay | 27/15/su | 27/13/ts | 29/16/ts | 28/13/pc | 27/12/su | 26/12/su | 27/14/ts |
| Minden | 26/14/su | 27/14/ts | 29/14/ts | 28/13/pc | 26/12/su | 26/13/su | 27/14/ts |
| Oshawa | 28/17/su | 29/19/ts | 29/20/ts | 28/18/pc | 26/17/pc | 26/17/su | 27/18/ts |
| Ottawa | 24/13/ts | 29/18/pc | 30/19/ts | 27/19/pc | 27/18/pc | 26/17/pc | 27/18/pc |
| Toronto | 27/16/ts | 30/20/ts | 31/21/ts | 27/18/pc | 26/17/pc | 25/16/pc | 26/17/ts |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Thursday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk | Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calgary | 17/7/su | 22/10/pc | 24/9/su | 24/9/su | 24/12/pc | 27/14/su | 29/13/pc |
| Edmonton | 19/7/ts | 26/11/pc | 26/14/ts | 24/12/dz | 24/13/pc | 27/14/su | 28/15/pc |
| Fredericton | 26/16/pc | 25/17/pc | 22/16/ts | 28/16/ts | 27/17/pc | 26/13/ts | 27/13/su |
| Halifax | 26/18/su | 25/19/pc | 24/18/ts | 25/19/pc | 26/18/ts | 20/15/pc | 21/16/su |
| Montreal | 26/15/ts | 31/19/pc | 30/19/ts | 28/19/pc | 28/18/pc | 27/17/pc | 28/17/pc |
| Regina | 26/12/ts | 25/13/ts | 28/16/ts | 27/17/ts | 27/16/ts | 29/17/pc | 31/17/pc |
| St. John's | 26/17/pc | 25/18/sh | 24/16/pc | 19/13/pc | 18/14/pc | 17/12/pc | 20/13/pc |
| Saskatoon | 20/9/ra | 22/11/pc | 27/13/ts | 23/13/ts | 23/14/pc | 26/16/su | 28/15/pc |
| Vancouver | 22/14/su | 22/14/pc | 23/14/pc | 22/13/pc | 25/15/su | 28/17/su | 27/16/pc |
| Whitehorse | 22/12/pc | 23/11/pc | 15/7/sh | 12/3/sh | 12/4/dz | 10/3/dz | 11/6/sh |
| Winnipeg | 27/14/ts | 22/12/pc | 25/13/su | 28/19/pc | 27/20/ts | 24/13/pc | 27/15/pc |

## AREA ALMANAC

| Last seven days | High | Low | Prec. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday 7/14 | 20°C | 14°C | 1.5 mm |
| Sunday 7/13 | 26°C | 18°C | 0.3 mm |
| Saturday 7/12 | 25°C | 13°C | 0.0 mm |
| Friday 7/11 | 21°C | 14°C | 8.6 mm |
| Thursday 7/10 | 22°C | 14°C | 0.0 mm |
| Wednesday 7/9 | 21°C | 20°C | 0.0 mm |
| Tuesday 7/8 | 26°C | 18°C | 13.2 mm |

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| | Sunrise/set | Moonrise/set |
|---|---|---|
| Thu. | 5:44 a.m./8:56 p.m. | 8:54 p.m./4:40 a.m. |
| Fri. | 5:45 a.m./8:55 p.m. | 9:23 p.m./5:46 a.m. |
| Sat. | 5:46 a.m./8:54 p.m. | 9:47 p.m./6:55 a.m. |
| Sun. | 5:47 a.m./8:54 p.m. | 10:08 p.m./8:05 a.m. |
| Mon. | 5:48 a.m./8:53 p.m. | 10:28 p.m./9:14 a.m. |
| Tues. | 5:49 a.m./8:52 p.m. | 10:46 p.m./10:24 a.m. |
| Wed. | 5:50 a.m./8:51 p.m. | 11:06 p.m./11:35 a.m. |

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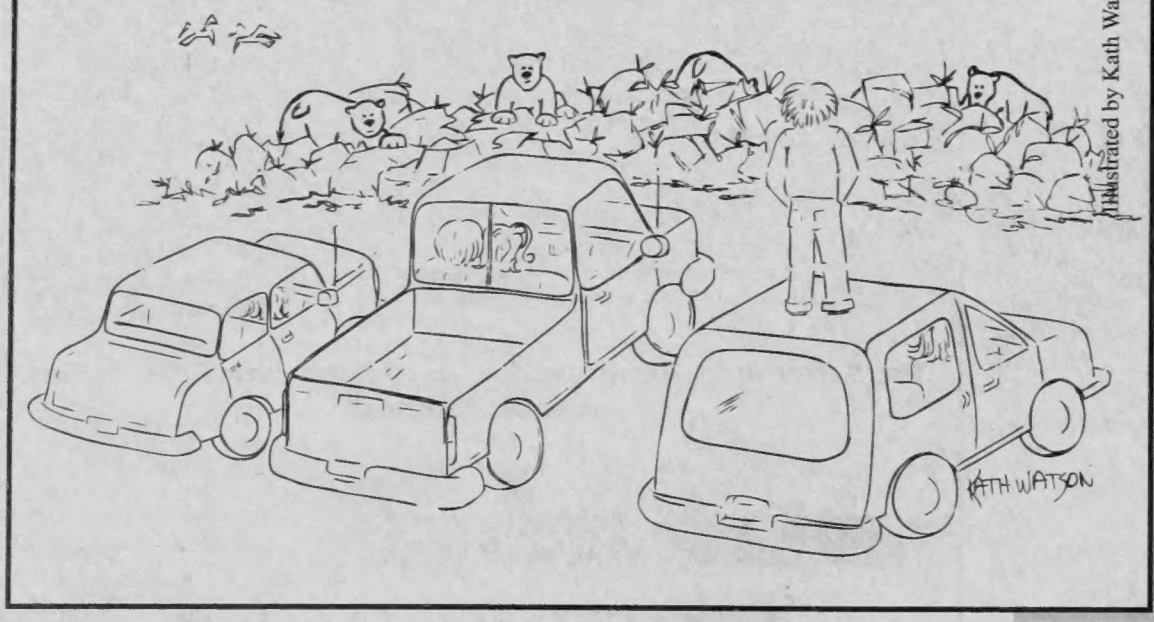


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## Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

**"People ... should realize that when one's home appears to be threatened, one tends to react."**

In the recent report of the public meeting regarding the Head Lake condos, your reporter cut short my remark. [Editor's note: Mr. Barnes had suggested that "If this was Mexico or a Banana Republic I would say there was bribery and collusion going on."]

I said, after I was interrupted, that [such] untoward goings on would never happen in Haliburton. The whole reference was to the fact that the acceptance of this project seemed to be taking place at warp speeds.

As a person who has done much to publicize Haliburton via the medium of three books, I am most interested in the welfare of the County and my wife and I are as concerned as everyone else about the lack of housing.

People who were at the meeting and others should realise that when one's home appears to be threatened, one tends to react. After all is there any one who would not be upset by having an 80 foot high structure right alongside their small house? Concerns are easily understandable regarding traffic, possible affect on neighbouring wells and the opportunity for damage from blasting should the building go ahead in the construction phase.

We think Haliburton is a great place to live and wonder what effect that the building, projected to easily be the highest in the County, will have on the ambiance of the village.

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Michael Barnes, C.M.
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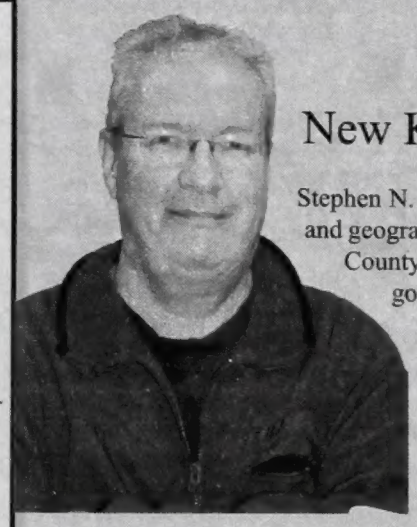
# EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

**BY Stephen Patrick**



## New Kind of Community

Stephen N. Foster is a professional cartographer and geographer who was heavily involved in the County 911 Project from 2000 to 2004. He's got a slew of postgraduate degrees, including a doctorate in Economic Geography, and is a past director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Loon Lake Property Owners Association: he's currently a member of Environment Haliburton and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF). This year he's created the impressive Lake Community Maps, sponsored by Anthony vanLieshout and Royal Lepage, which have so far been distributed to property owners on Drag Lake, Koshlong Lake, and Halls Lake with more on the way.

Foster has also generated another, fascinating series of maps that illustrate just how the demographics and distribution of population in the County are changing, and how that will eventually have a profound affect on the governance of the County. These maps show precisely the accelerating shift in population growth away from the two major centres, Haliburton Village, and the Town of Minden, and the smaller centres like Wilberforce, Gooderham, and Cardiff, into what Foster describes as "Lake Communities". His Lake Maps acknowledge this fact by referring to the "Community of Koshlong Lake", for example.

The recreational communities surrounding our lakes, which have looked to Haliburton (Dysart) or Minden Hills, or Wilberforce, or North Shore Road for services and governance, are gradually being converted into full-time communities as many cottagers retire, and as Haliburton slowly but surely becomes a destination of choice for younger professionals. It is to be expected that these full time residents are going to demand more and more of the 'core' services that local governments traditionally provide, such as year round road maintenance and communal waste management.

For the past 40 years or so the Haliburton Lakes have supported property owners associations that have organized regattas, held frog and loon watches, helped to educate their membership about water quality, boating ethics, and fishing – all the concerns of a summer population. But now many of these organizations are gearing up to take a more active role in governance and community sustainability as an offshoot of putting together Lake Plans. Foster sees these Lake Communities, and their natural political expression, the Cottagers Associations, as inevitably questioning the status quo in the years to come.

"The isolationism that prevailed with lakes focussed in on themselves while ignoring the other lakes and paying scant attention to the non-waterfront area around them is breaking down. Small lakes are seeking to participate in meetings and events of the larger ones. Affinity groups are starting to come together as lakes realize they share a common watershed in which what each does to itself has an effect on some or all of the others that are downstream of it," says Foster.

In other words, these Lake Communities are emerging as a kind of independent political force within the County with their memberships looking to them to preserve and enhance their communities through active engagement with the municipality where they pay their taxes. These full time lake residents and cottagers already think of themselves firstly as part of the Beech Lake Community, for example, rather than Algonquin Highlands.

In upcoming issues of the Voice we'll explore the implications of the increasing clout of these communities, and their impact on the delivery of services throughout the County. As Foster says, "Cottage country is undergoing a transformation which calls for changes in the types of services offered to ratepayers by local municipalities, with many forces that are contributing to that transformation: what needs to be done is to develop an understanding of these new service needs and to explore how our governments are going to go about providing them." ■

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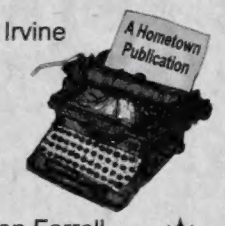


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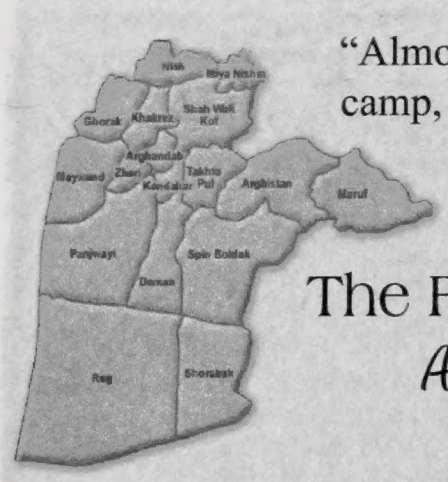


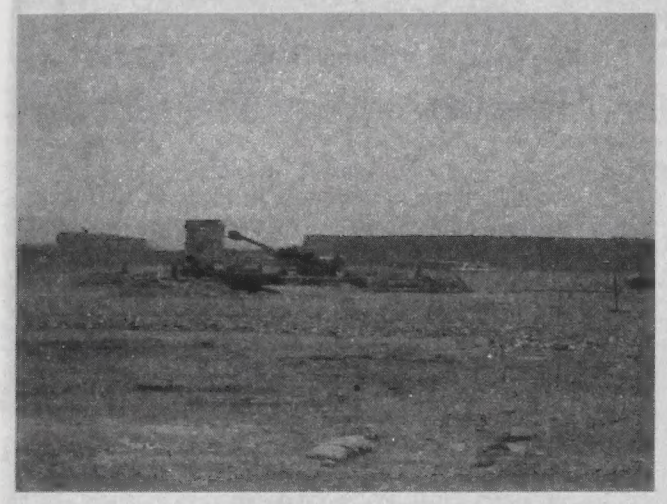

"Almost the same as going to a hunt camp, except for the noticeable lack of orange."

# The Road to Kandahar

## *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

# A Trip North



Editor's Note: Captain Beatty wanted to apologize this week "to many of the readers for some of the articles arriving … late for publication. Stephen has been very patient, however there is a bit of a war on here and at times it is difficult to get to an Internet system and send the article in."

In fact, all 25 of his articles have arrived here in time for the Voice, albeit on occasion by only a few hours. When you consider the circumstances under which many of his columns are written, it's really something of a miracle that we get them at all, and if a week is missed, we'll just have to live with it. What's really astonishing is that David can email me a pic or a correction sometimes even while on duty in the middle of the Afghan desert, and I reply in seconds, he comments back, etc. In any event, the Canadian mission in Afghanistan is not getting any simpler, and Captain Beatty's work is becoming more intensive by the week. Here is his latest column, written just days ago.

Life in a Forward Operating Base (FOB) is much different than living in the main base in Kandahar Air Field (KAF). First of all, FOBs are quiet. You do not get bothered by the sound of jets and helicopters taking off in the middle of the night, the cooks are all Canadians and the food is much better. Two hot meals a day (breakfast and supper) served up and made to order, along with a sandwich style lunch. Almost the same as going up to a hunt camp, except for the noticeable lack of orange. The eating areas have large screen TVs broadcasting the Canadian Forces News Network, which contains news clips, sports and CBC shows. I have to admit, seeing Holmes on Holmes while sitting in a FOB which is smack dab in the middle of the desert is somewhat surreal – some of the fellows wonder if he would be prepared to come over and do some renovations to the odd guard tower or bunker – hey now there's a thought.

With the M777 (155 mm) artillery guns and the 81mm mortars in their firing positions, and soldiers in the guard towers, life is quite civilized. Armoured vehicles man the various run ups and troops not on duty walk around casually in shorts and t shirts, with rifles slung over their backs. Not too bad of a place to spend a bit of time and as a matter of fact, puts the odd hunt camp to shame.

As I said, life in a FOB is much different than in KAF. One of the most noticeable aspects is that you can not shower before 2100hrs at night. The problem is too much hot water. The water for the showers is contained in large water bladders, which lie out in the sun. With the average temperature running just over 50 degrees Celsius, well lets just say, heating water is not an issue.

Unfortunately, my trip to one of the FOBs was without my regular traveling companion CSM Vic Hickey (he was at home on leave- and just prior to leaving, in his usual gruff, but endearing fashion told me, "Well Sir, try not to get yourself killed while I am gone will ya." So off to the FOB I went, without my fire team partner – that was a little unsettling as you get so used to having someone covering your back, that when they are gone – I hate to say it – you miss them. Heck, I even had to get my own water for the trip!

After an uneventful trip up with a Combat Logistics Patrol, I arrived at the FOB to be greeted by the CSM from the Rifle Company which occupies the FOB – and yet again in true fashion, that only Company Sergeant Majors can bring, CSM Seymour greets me with "Hey Sir, good to see you – where is Hickey?" as he looks around at the troops dismounting from the LAVs. "He had enough of me so went home to see his wife," I replied. By Seymour's reaction you would have thought I'd told a child there was no Santa Claus.

As the evening settled in, and life was getting fairly relaxing, I opened up the first book of my tour and was engrossed in it when there was a flurry of activity around the Command Post. I went in and linked up with the Company Commander to see what was going on. The Taliban had decided to move into the area and some of the locals were fleeing. Orders were issued and the camp went into action. Artillery was readied, mortars prepared, troops given orders. Since we are visitors to this FOB, and didn't have any definite tasks in the defence of the base, the Company Commander asked if we would form the Quick Reaction Force, to which I agreed and began to study the map of the FOB. As I began to make notes the FOB CSM quipped, "Hey Sir, make sure you keep your head down – if you get killed up here Hickey will have me!"■

# Bear Break & Enter Cont'd....

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hopes that the animal would make its exit outside. At the same time, Dorothy went and phoned the police who advised the two stay in their bedrooms with the doors shut.

"I suggested to Ron that he do that, but he didn't. He went back and whistled, and he has a sharp whistle."

"I started whistling and yelling at it and my wife came out and starting saying, 'Shoo! Shoo! Shoo!' Then the bugger went back out through the window," explained Ron.

It was obvious that the bear was hungry, because in total it devoured a loaf of raisin bread, a package of hot dog buns and half a pecan pie.

Miraculously, the creature didn't leave any destruction behind in its wake. The only visible evidence to show that it was ever there were a few claw marks on the window ledge and the minor damage to the screen.

By the time the police had arrived, the bear had fled the scene.

"The police sighted him once," said Ron. Their neighbour, who is a volunteer firefighter, also came over to check on the couple. Shortly thereafter, The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) contacted them.

"They called us to say that they're going to do a site visit to see if it's feasible to put a bear trap here. They also told us that there's a good chance that the bear would return because it got food here," said Ron.

The bear did indeed make a return visit to the residence at 3:45 p.m. that afternoon. Police once again returned to the scene but didn't have any luck locating the animal.

The Owens couple, who has lived at the residence for the past 20 years, say they have never had this kind of a close encounter in their home before.■

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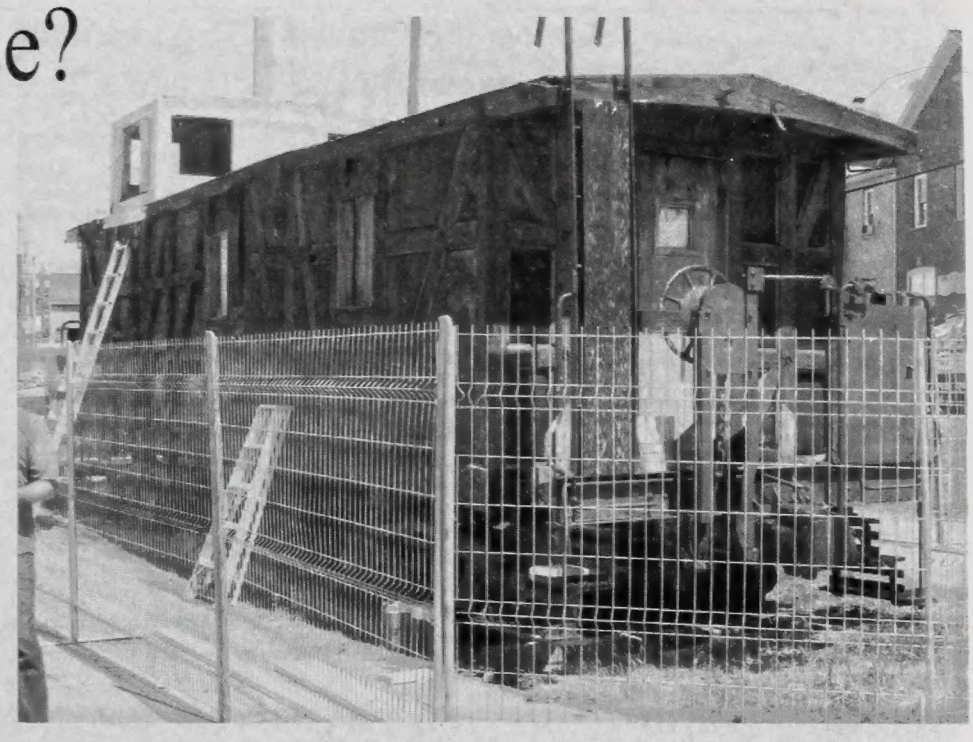
# What's up with the Caboose?



This week Council did a bit of brainstorming about the placement of the caboose. Councillor Janis Parker had sample drawings for Council's consideration displaying options for the caboose's placement but concerns have been raised by Council about maintaining the historic integrity of the Rails End Gallery.

Parker became involved in the project in February during discussions on what to do with the caboose. She assisted with preparing plans to incorporate the caboose into the gallery and helped with funding proposals for the patio and new entrance to the gallery. She also says, "I have a personal interest in the Rails End Gallery and would like to see additional space for year round programming, particularly for kids." Parker is the Rails End's Council Rep, as well as a committed gallery member and supporter.

***"How can I facilitate this? Work on the Rails End Gallery is at a standstill until Council decides where the caboose is to go." (Councillor Janis Parker)***

Parker referred to funding received by the Rails End Gallery from both the HCDC and private enterprise to construct a new accessibility ramp, entrance and patio to make the gallery more attractive. She voiced concern about the possibility of losing those funds should work on the gallery not proceed due to a lack of a decision on the placement of the caboose.

Parker said things like visibility, wheelchair accessibility, site lines and flow through from the gallery to the park had to be addressed. Once again Council discussed the final placement of the caboose, leaving it where it is, moving it in front of the gallery, at the west end, or even moving the boxcar and putting the caboose in its place.

Municipal Planner Pat Martin commented that when Council considers attaching the caboose to the gallery and making changes to the gallery's interior, there are special criteria that must be followed to ensure the changes are in keeping with the historical designation and value of the building.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "I'm against changing the integrity of the inside of the building." He referred to the public process held in the past about this and reminded Council that the public had indicated they wanted to maintain the historic value of the building.

Fearrey said, "We have to line our ducks up properly. At present the inside is still primarily the way it was in the 1800's." He also commented that he felt Council was a bit of a moving target on the issue. Parker responded that hadn't been the case until the caboose burnt and its relocation became more of a focus for Council.

Parker said, "If approval (for placement of the caboose) is dependant on how the inside space will look, how can I facilitate this? Work on the Rails End Gallery is at a standstill until Council decides where the caboose is to go."

Fearrey suggested getting everyone involved at their first meeting in August. He said at that time Council would confirm a location for the caboose. Council agreed to meet on site prior to their Council meeting to have another first hand look. Parker agreed to have drawings available for Council's consideration in advance of the meeting.

The next day Parker told the Voice that there are some new ideas in the works for placement of the caboose that will allow the patio construction to go forward this year.

As to the delay in reconstruction of the caboose itself, Fearrey said the Municipality was waiting for clarification from the insurance company that all the necessary repairs would be covered. Fearrey said, "We got that confirmation last week and work is now going ahead at full steam."■

# Fishing Fine for Haliburton Man

A Haliburton man has been fined a total of $1,700 for several fishing violations and banned from fishing in Ontario for a minimum of two years or longer if his fines are not paid in full.

Adam Henry, 24, pleaded guilty to possessing a lake trout within the prohibited slot length of 40 to 55 cm, angling without a licence, and providing false statements to a conservation officer.

The court heard that, on January 19, 2008, Henry had been angling on Drag Lake east of Haliburton. When checked by a conservation officer, Henry was in possession of a slot size lake trout and could not produce a fishing licence. Henry provided false statements to the officer during the angling check. It was also later found that Henry was fishing without a licence.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, July 3, 2008.

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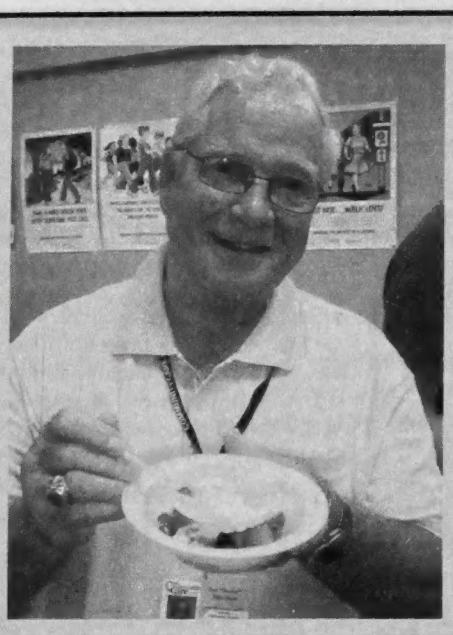

# Giving Food for Thanks

To recognize the devotion and tireless efforts of their many volunteers, Community Care hosted a strawberry social on Wednesday 9. The dining room at the Community Care office in Haliburton's Halco Plaza was packed, as dozens of volunteers and clients enjoyed bowls of strawberries, ice cream, and frothy whipped cream.

"This is a way for us to thank all of our volunteers," said event organizer and Community Care employee Brigitte Gebauer. "They work so hard, and do so much for the community."

The Ontario berries, which came from Todd's Independent, were greatly enjoyed. Community Care board member Scotty Morrison said, "The berries are wonderful. I just wish that the strawberry season was longer."■

# Defining Haliburton as a Creative Community Cont'd

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vision and openness to the arts and newcomers.

Bolin spoke of the number of designers, recording artists, potters and painters from the area that present their work outside the County, and across the world. She said, "These are all people who came to the County because of their connections or because of the natural environment. They came with the interest of starting a business in a community of like minded creative people."

Bolin said, "It's time to attract the 30 to 40 year old people, young families that will support the community." According to Bolin a creative incubator would attract emerging entrepreneurial artists who often can't start their own business or would struggle with the cost of studio space while developing their craft.

Bolin said the Creative Incubator could house 12 resident artists or creative businesses. Four of the artists would be provided with work-only spaces and eight with working/living space. The plan suggests two large general studios to allow a number of local artists to participate who wouldn't live on site.

The plan for the incubator also calls for an anchor tenant. Bolin suggested a non profit organization that might support the people in the incubator. She put forth the idea that the Development Corporation is looking for alternate space and as they have also considered a business incubator, they may be one of a number of opportunities for partnerships.

Bolin commended Council, saying that she felt they had shown a lot of vision in supporting the arts in the community through the Rails End Gallery, Head Lake Park for performances and events and the construction of the new library. She spoke of other areas like Prince Edward County which are putting a lot of money into a creative economy.

Bolin spoke of an opportunity she had to visit an incubator started up in a community in the 1980s where over 80% of the people who were supported now have their own businesses in the community. Bolin said, "Dysart should stay ahead of the pack in supporting and encouraging young entrepreneurs."

As to the next steps Bolin said the committee was recommending a cautious approach with a Pilot Project that would support two resident artists to test the concept for a two year period. She said, "This is a very expensive project overall and I have been adamant with the committee about Council's finances and that we would need to look elsewhere for funding."

Bolin did say, however that the Committee would like to request $15,000 to support the Pilot Project. This would allow sufficient time for the Committee to scope out funding, preparing governance and marketing plan, seeking opportunities for partnerships, finding a suitable location, developing selection criteria for artists as well as a mentoring plan.

Council had a number of questions for Bolin including locations, ongoing management of the Pilot Project and Incubator and methods of selection of participants. Councillor Derek Knowles, who had agreed to participate on the Incubator Committee, applauded their efforts. Knowles said he had initially been skeptical about the project's success. Knowles said he supported the pilot project but would not support public funds being invested in the 'move ahead plan.'

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis and Councillors Janis Parker and Andrea Roberts were supportive of the project. Reeve Murray Fearrey and Councillor Dan Kay were concerned about exactly where the money would come from. They agreed to give the matter further consideration and thanked Bolin for her presentation.

Council considered the matter again towards the end of their meeting and varying opinions continued to be put forth. There seemed to be some uncertainty about exactly how the funds would be used. Parker argued that the model project was needed to get funding from other agencies.

Davis said, "If you want something to materialize you must provide incentive for it to happen. The committee is trying to cultivate the arts. The $15,000 will go forward with other funding to bring people into the community and we may not create jobs but we've been hanging our hats on art and I believe we should go forward to make Haliburton a destination."

Fearrey said that the Council must look at all of the benefits and cautioned that Council must know exactly how the funds would be used.

As Council seemed no closer to making a decision, Councillor Roberts suggested taking more time to consider the full report. Council asked for excerpts from the Municipal Act that would clarify what they're allowed to fund and the matter will be decided at Council's first meeting in August.■

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# Government Bureaucracy – There to Serve?

## Public Information Hidden Behind a Wall of Silence

By Liz Danielson and Tyson Farrell

Following up on a story is sometimes a very hard thing to do. In efforts of ensuring accurate information or getting to the bottom of a story a reporter can get a wide variety of responses from people. Very often, a reporter must try and get information from the government, and its associated bureaucracy.

Some stories require details on government policy or information about government involvement in a story that you're investigating. After determining exactly how many or which level of government is responsible, you have to get through to the right department and pray for the patience while dealing with their convoluted telephone response systems. When you finally find yourself being put through to the appropriate person who just might (please oh please my deadline is looming) have some answers, they're on the phone, not there, not available, in a meeting, off on holidays or otherwise indisposed.

> **"It all makes you wonder about access to information, a process designed supposedly to make the government more transparent and open to everyone."**

Finally, you have someone captive on the phone, albeit it ever so briefly. And guess what? It's not the right department or person after all. Those responsibilities have been transferred to another department or downloaded to another level of government. The process continues until at last you're actually speaking with the person who really is responsible for your area of concern. You're then put through another wringer providing credentials, references and detailed reasons for your inquiry. Once that's established you could be passed along to someone else who doesn't know anything about your questions but they are responsible for media relations.

It all makes you wonder about access to information, a process designed supposedly to make the government more transparent and open to everyone.

To cite a specific example of 'transparent access to government information,' The County Voice tried to ask the Ministry of Natural Resources a few questions this month. The questions were short and simple, and should have only required a ten minute interview over the phone. This was not to be, however.

The Minden MNR office was phoned, and an automatic telephone response system answered. More than half a dozen extensions were tried, but nobody was at their desk. After wrestling with the ridiculous machine for more than half and hour, the call was patched through to a receptionist. After explaining the details of the editorial investigation, the receptionist put the call through to the appropriate MNR officer. Of course, the officer was not at his desk, but off working 'in the field.' A voicemail was left on his answering service.

The next day the officer returned the call, and gave the Voice some sad news. He was not the proper person to talk do. Media inquiries needed to be directed to a MNR Commanding Officer (CO) at the Bancroft office. The officer provided the phone number and extension of his CO, and the search continued.

The Bancroft CO was phoned, but of course, he was not in the office. Another voicemail was left. The call was returned shortly, and the officer was very helpful. However, protocol stated he could not answer any questions unless they were submitted in writing first. So the questions were written, and emailed to the Bancroft office. The CO responded the next morning, saying he had written out answers the night before, and it had taken him three hours! So much for a 10-minute phone interview. The CO then stated that he could not send the answers yet. First they had to be approved by a series of bureaucrats and officers at the MNR headquarters. After a few days of waiting, the Voice inquired about the answers, and the CO responded sympathetically, saying "It's out of my hands, in Toronto."

Almost a week later the answers to the few simple question arrived by the email. There was no knowing how much they had been doctored or altered by officials in Toronto. So much for getting the opinion of a Minden MNR officer. A lot of work and time was spent, just to get a few small pieces of public information from a government office.

Such ridiculous processes are by no means restricted to the MNR. The County Voice is confronted by them when contacting the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Health, and even the LCBO. Wherever there's a government office, there is a wall of miscommunication.

It's important to realize that this is not a reflection on the MNR officers, or any other government employee. Their hands are bound, and they are forced to jump through numerous bureaucratic hoops. More often than not they want to help you more directly, and they regret that they can't.

This bureaucratic quagmire hinders more than just small-town newspaper reporters. It prevents any citizen from getting the public information they deserve. If you don't believe it, call a government office and ask them a few questions. Just make sure that your schedule is open.■

## Have Your Say... VOX POP

We went around the County asking, "How do you feel about the fluctuating water levels on Highland lakes and rivers?"

**Adrian Martin,** West Guilford – As a local I'm used to fluctuating water levels. I realize that there are various reasons why the Trent Severn Waterway has to adjust levels. I don't live on a lake, so I'm not that affected. High water levels do make for excellent swimming though.

**Jaret Fatori,** Willow Beach – I'm not surprised. With global warming, I think that we're going to see a lot of fluctuating water levels. It makes me sad. With all the pollution that's happening, the water is soon going to be too dirty and toxic for swimming.

**Kathleen McGregor,** Oshawa – I'm concerned about how it affects the tourism industry. No $H_2O$, no tourists. They don't want to be here if they can't enjoy the lakes. Also, I'm concerned about property owners. If water levels go too high that can cause a lot of expensive damage.

**Heather Mortensen,** Oakville – As a biology student, I'm deeply concerned about this issue. I wonder how it will affect wildlife. How would we feel if our houses shrank from time to time? I blame the Trent Severn Waterway. People need to realize that if wildlife is affected tourism will also be. People won't come to fish anymore, so we'll all be affected. It's the circle of life.

**Lauren Bellai**, Waterdown – I don't like the changing water levels. They should be consistent. It really isn't good for the environment. It affects the habitats of animals that live by the water. I work at Wanakita, and sometimes the roads are underwater when the levels are high. It also causes caterpillars to invade the cabins.

**David Mack, Bradford** – It doesn't bother me too much. The more water there is the better. High water is good for boating. Low water isn't. Low levels also makes the dock go down, which is a shame.


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# Miskwabi Lake Cottagers Gather:

## Twin Loons Hatched / Concerns Expressed Over Tax Assessments

Terrance Gavan
*Staff Reporter*

In times when the environment and concerns over water quality, uranium extraction, and mind-popping increases on lakefront property assessment dominate an inconvenient landscape, it's nice to hear some cheerful news.

Miskwabi Area Cottagers Association (MACA) members, who gathered at the old airstrip on Trappers Trail for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Saturday, started their morning meeting with an uplifting sidebar.

MACA President Larry Holden happily reported that twin loons were born Friday, July 11 on Miskwabi Lake. Mother and family seem to be doing fine, said Holden, who added that the two newest additions are called Bert and Ernie. Boaters were warned to be on the lookout and reduce speed in the vicinity of the nest. Bert and Ernie will not have to pay MACA dues this year, and will probably be exempt for the duration of their tenure on the lake.

Holden chaired the open air meeting, held under threatening skies, and the rain held off long enough for the 80 or so cottagers to run down a comprehensive list of concerns in the course of the 90 minute AGM.

Holden introduced Miskwabi Lake North Cottagers Association (MLNCA) representative Kevin Barrett, explaining that the MLNCA and the MACA were in the process of negotiating an amalgamation of the two cottage associations. He said that the MACA executive had already approved an executive motion to enter upon negotiations for amalgamation with the MLNCA. The executive approved the amalgamation plan in principle and passed a motion to bring it to the general AGM last Saturday.

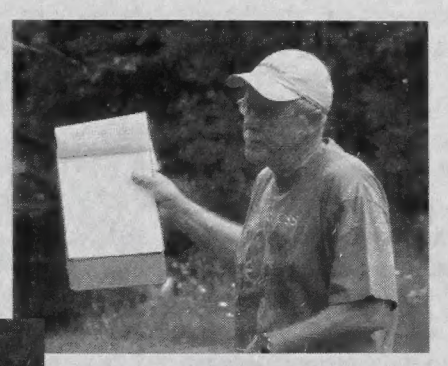
"We have been talking about combining the two associations for some time," said Holden. He said that the two cottage associations, because of their proximity, already have a well-defined set of similar issues to deal with and he said that a conjoining of the two associations would present a more unified front in applications and presentations to municipal, provincial and federal bodies. "I have my fingers crossed that it's going to happen."

A motion was brought to the floor (or grass), and the MACA members voted unanimously in favor of the motion to amalgamate. Barrett agreed to bring the results back to the MLNCA. The motion incorporated a rider specifying that the MACA add a Director to their executive. An existing MLNCA member will fill that new Director's position, should the proposal be ratified by the MLNCA.

Holden said that he and MACA Director Mike Giza attended a recent meeting of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) looking into templates for lake planning. "The template should be available in the next year and we will certainly be taking a close look at it," said Holden. Holden urged all members to visit the MACA website and fill out the community response form which is available on the futurecottage.com/maca site. Part of the survey includes specific concerns over unified lake planning, including considerations over the Trent Severn Waterway system recommendations put forth in a recent study. "Lake planning will ensure the sustainability of our environment," said Holden.

Director Andy Mosher is responsible for the MACA website and he told the cottagers that their online input and participation, especially through completion of the survey, would provide the MACA executive with invaluable insight as they attempt to address cottager concerns.

That discussion dovetailed quite conveniently with the ubiquitous discussion regarding effective delivery of high-speed Internet access to rural domains. Holden said that he is involved in ongoing deliberations with Jim Neubauer, Bell's eastern Ontario General Manager and he urged all MACA members to get in touch with Neubauer at Bell. "If you're interested in getting high speed here, and if you've been procrastinating about getting in touch with Jim Neubauer, I urge you to please do it as soon as possible," said Holden. He added that Neubauer and Bell priorize their high-speed implementation on the basis of customer requests, number of businesses and the situation of government offices in the area. Holden said he identified three local businesses and the Parks Canada office on Highway 118, but said, "Your input is very important." Holden said that high speed would not be available this season, but said that with some cottager support they could see an installation of Sympatico high-speed service by 2009-10. "We will keep it on the agenda and we'll keep pushing for it," said Holden.



Holden also mentioned that the executive was looking into options regarding installation of a cottage watch program. "It's similar to the neighborhood watch program and it would involve the OPP and would need participation of local volunteers," said Holden. He added that this was still in the planning stages and would require the maintenance of required signage paid for by the cottage association.

In an effort to reduce the instances of power outages, Holden said that Hydro One was continuing work in the third year of a four-year plan to upgrade hydro pole placement between Highway 118 and Loon Lake. He said that Hydro One spokesman Bill Smeaton said that the new installations would allow crews to service outages more quickly and without the need for helicopter support. Holden added that the new hydro poles could also be used to carry fiber optic cable necessary for the install of high-speed Internet technology.

He added that the smart meter program is also being installed in the area. Holden said that the smart meter technology would serve to streamline service and allow Hydro One to pinpoint and manage power outages in the area.

Local Dysart et al Councilor Derek Knowles was on hand to welcome back the cottagers and address a few pressing demands.

He told cottagers that roads were always a priority for cottagers and urged cottagers to keep him apprised of any problems. "Roads are always a hot topic," said Knowles. "I know we've had some problems with washouts and our boys are trying desperately to correct that." Knowles added that Dysart hired an outside contractor to handle the extra load brought on by the larger than normal runoff this spring.

Knowles also reassured the MACA faithful that Dysart was also trying to manage the increasing number of ATV complaints. "I know that we have ATV problems elsewhere in the ward and I'm aware of the problem, and I know it's probably due to a small group of people who ruin it for everyone … let's just call them the bad apples," said Knowles. He added that the onus is on cottagers to report all vehicle speeding or trespass incidents to the OPP. "I don't believe that anyone has the right to spoil the enjoyment of my property or home," said Knowles. Knowles said that Dysart et al's experiment with signage urging safe ATV practices was met with vandalism and the disappearance of the signage. "We're not putting up any more signs, but we'd like you to know that ATV's are not legal on our roads," said Knowles.

Knowles then moved on to the ever-simmering issue of property assessment and the expected 30 to 55 percent rise in lakefront assessment in the coming months.

"We've had a bit of a holiday, but there are increases coming," said Knowles. "I'm told that there will be a sizeable jump in assessments, especially on lakefront properties, but as to how that translates to taxation, I just don't know."

Holden urged all of the cottagers to read a memo from CAPTR (Coalition after Property Tax Reform) and WRAFT (Waterfront Ratepayers after Fair Taxation) attached to the AGM handout. Holden said that both of those NGO (Non-Government Organizations) were lobbying on behalf of Ontario residents in an effort to stabilize the property tax system.

CAPTR estimates that ratepayers in this area will see potentially devastating assessment increases. "Based on increases in sales prices, waterfront values were up on average 47 percent and non-waterfront 18 percent in the broad area of Muskoka-Haliburton," says CAPTR representative Bob Topp, in the handout.

The meeting concluded with a special presentation by guest speaker Mike Rahme from Home Pro, Central Ontario Inc. Rahme is a registered home inspector and offered some insights into septic tank and field upgrades.

He allowed that cottagers with 20-year-old steel tank septic systems might be wise to invest in an inspection. He said that incoming legislation would probably mandate enforced septic system inspection within the next four to five years.

"Well, 2012 is the date up in the sky as to when those mandatory inspections will begin," said Rahme. He added that the legislation is a result of growing concern over groundwater contamination by aging and faulty septic fields and tanks.

Full replacement of a field and tank, even with new technology can cost anywhere from $12,000 to $20,000 depending upon terrain and the system requirements.

MACA Vice-President Sandra Bishop urged cottagers with aging septic systems to take advantage of the information and adopt proactive steps to ensure the viability of their systems.

"We have some older cottages in the area and we're worried about the breakdown of our septic systems and the possible leeching into our water system," said Bishop.■

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# Husband and Wife Team Form a Textured Relationship

*"When I reach a point where time stands still, I often emerge to find that some sort of magic has happened. It feels like the canvas is whole, and I have found a jewel. It then feels complete." Annette Blady VanMil.*

Welcome to Textured Relationship, an opulent and lavish opus.

There are strong, vivid and sturdy elements of bas-relief in the works of Annette Blady VanMil and Al VanMil.

There is also a bond. It's palpable. In the art and on the faces of the two life partners.

Walking into the Ethel Curry Gallery, where Textured Relationship is on display from July 12 to August 3, one is struck at once by the similarities in the art.

Upon closer inspection we realize that the works are actually quite unrelated. In fact, there is a significant juxtaposition. The real and the abstract.

Al paints trees, landscapes and pieces and bits of the seasonal glide. Annette's work, at this Ethel Curry exhibition at least, is abstract and not tied to any earthbound form or function.

Al's work is oil on canvas, layered and ridged. Annette utilizes a cornucopia of hidden treasures in her acrylic work. Textured exotic papers and fabrics, cut stained glass, and classical sheet music commingle with acrylic, abstract strokes.

Upon closer inspection it's suddenly obvious that what lends consistency and flow to Textured Relationship is the yin and the yang.

Al and Annette live mostly here now, in the Highlands, on Miskwabi Lake, but they still maintain a house in Toronto. Both of their sons are grown. Eric is 20 and pursuing a career in sound production and Julian, 22, is a film director. They enjoy working here and they love their studio on Miskwabi Lake. They take direct inspiration from their surroundings. But they don't paint what they see.

*Annette Blady-VanMil and Al VanMil*

On the exhibition promotional card Al says: "If anything useful comes from artistic hindsight, it is that I seem to be spiraling inward, from out there where I thought art should be in my life, in to where my art and life actually is now, right here, mundane, messy, yet marvelous in its own way."

Annette says, "When I reach a point where time stands still, I often emerge to find that some sort of magic has happened. It feels like the canvas is whole, and I have found a jewel. It then feels complete."

The magic is in the blend of textures and in the colors and the commonality of the melded works on display.

"We have a studio up here now," says Al. "We've always worked together in the same room."

Even though Al works with landscape, he says that very little is done en plein air or outdoors.

"Oh, I may get out and do some sketches, but I mainly do the work out of my head. I like the filter of my mind," says Al.

"And my work is all in my head," laughs Annette. "I work with abstracts and I do all my painting in the studio."

Al has been an artist all his life, originally under the tutelage of his father who was a Fine Art teacher from The Netherlands. The VanMil family immigrated to Canada in 1952 when Al was two. Al went on to study Art at the University of Guelph and The Ontario College of Art and Design, graduating in 1972. By the late 1970's his artworks had already been exhibited at many major cultural institutions including The Art Gallery of Ontario and The National Gallery of Canada. He has also done collaborative work with the National Ballet and the Canadian Opera painting on stage as part of a living art production. Al spent three years at Haliburton High in the late 60s when his father joined the teaching staff at HHSS.

Coincidentally, Annette had also spent summers here in cottage country when she was growing up. Annette, after graduating from the Ontario College of Art, specializing in Communication and Design, became involved in major interior design projects in Battery Park New York and the Nieman Marcus Centre in Chicago. She became an internationally renowned interior designer. She pursued that career path before deciding to forego interior design for canvas, brush and easel back in 1989. Exhibiting internationally, her canvases can now be found in many prominent galleries and private collections in Canada, the United States, and in Europe.

Al and Annette met 30 years ago while designing a restaurant together. They married in 1980 and for the next ten years they built a highly successful architectural model agency.

By 1989, with the kids growing, they decided to embark on a huge leap of faith.

"We sold our shares to one of the partners in the business," says Al. "Our children were still young and we decided to go home and paint."

They had enough savings from the sale of the business to last two years. "That's if we didn't sell any paintings," smiles Al. "And here we are today, still painting together, still surviving, and it's a great lifestyle." There are no regrets here. No thoughts about the path less traveled.

Annette says that the two have always thrived on collaboration, have a deep appreciation for each other's work and share an abiding respect for the craft.

This year, after 18 years of painting in the same open studio, for the first time, the two decided to put up a makeshift wall, dividing their working studio space.

"It's really not what you might think," says Al. "Annette kept coming over and complimenting my work and we decided that a wall might be an idea."

All that positive karma was wreaking havoc on his critical evaluations, explains Al, laughing. One gets the feeling that the curtained wall remains open more than it is closed, an experimental work in progress, if you will. Right now, it's a source of amusement as they joke about the wall with some friends who have come to visit them at the exhibit.

It's obvious that the two share an ethos and a passion for art.

"We do a lot of one person shows," says Al. "I do several shows in Montreal and Annette will do shows in Toronto … for some reason I sell a lot of art in Montreal and Annette's work is very popular in Toronto, but don't ask me why."

"We've always worked together in the studio," says Annette.

But they seldom embark on joint exhibitions like this one at Haliburton's Ethel Curry Gallery.

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The Ethel Curry Gallery is located at 94 Maple Street in Haliburton. Both Annette and Al will be teaching courses at the Haliburton School of the Arts in the upcoming weeks.

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# New Fleming Principal Begins Annual Art Talk Series

***"I try to make my work a little bit generic so the viewer gets more emotion coming through. They bring their own history to the piece, and everybody perceives it differently."***

On the evening of Wednesday July 2 Fleming College began this year's Art Talk Series with a lecture by Haliburton Campus Principal Sandra Dupret. Dupret assumed the role of Principal of the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College on November 5 of last year, becoming only the second Principal in the Campus's history, and following in the formidable footsteps of Barb Bolin.

Art Talk is a series of lectures that happens each Wednesday evening throughout the summer in the Grand Hall of the Haliburton Fleming Campus. "The talks are usually given by artists that are teaching at the College," said Fleming summer programme co-ordinator Shelley Schell. "The talks are free, open to the community, and anybody is welcome. The students are here for the week, and this gives them something extra to do, and to spend time to be together. We have a different speaker each week, and we try to pick somebody that the students will find interesting. This is typically an artist that is engaged in something different, or has had an interesting evolutionary process."

Schell believes that Dupret was a good choice for the summer's premier speaker for several reasons. "We thought that the talk would be a way to introduce Sandra to the students and the community. She has come through a very interesting evolutionary process, being both an artistic administrator and a studio artist. It's a delicate balance, and one that she has managed to maintain. She's an interesting person, with an interesting story."

Dupret is new to Haliburton, but not to the disciplines needed to run the campus, and the summer School of the Arts. She was brought up in Sudbury and Windsor, and holds a Master of Fine Arts (in sculpture and lithography) from the University of Windsor. After graduation she joined Wayne State University in Detroit, with its 22,000 students, rising to be director and curator of exhibitions for the University. She ran two galleries, organizing original shows with major contemporary artists from all across America.

Principal Dupret's long range goals are to proceed with what she describes as 'articulations' with universities and other degree-granting institutions like the Ontario College for Art and Design in Toronto, the University of Windsor, and Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in British Columbia. "We want to set up a program whereby graduates of our two-year diploma courses can start right in at a Third Year level in these other institutions." Dupret is also determined to maintain the campus' high profile in our own community. "Already it seems to me that the lack of a residence constitutes a real challenge to many prospective students. With little available student housing and no public transportation to speak of, young kids just out of high school really have to learn how to fend for themselves in a big hurry."

At the Art Talk on Wednesday, Dupret was interviewed by Fleming instructor Denis Cliff in front of a crowd of approximately 70 people. She spoke on a variety of subjects, including her upbringing. "My family didn't have a lot of money when I was growing up. So I've been driven by desire to have things that I didn't growing up. I was raised by my mom, and she didn't work. I always found a way to entertain myself though, like using a Sears catalogue and a cardboard box to make a doll house."

After speaking about her continuous struggle to balance the administrative and artist aspects of her life, Dupret began to talk about her art. "The material and medium is very important to each piece of work I make. I try to make the material I use be related to the idea of the art," she said. "I try to make my work a little bit generic so the viewer gets more emotion coming through. They bring their own history to the piece, and everybody perceives it differently."

"I like my work to look a little slick, but not too slick. For me my art is not a complete package until it's clean, with clean lines. I like to look at the gallery my art will be displayed in before I create the art. This allows my work to be space specific," she said. As Principal of the Haliburton Fleming campus, Dupret has a luxury that few artists enjoy. "Because I have financial security, I don't have to worry about my art selling. I don't care if it sells or not. It doesn't matter to me."

On July 23, Fleming with be hosting another Art Talk with artist Rod Prouse. The lecture is called 'Working from the Light Side of the Brain.' The talk will allow audience members to lean about "'encounters with fresh water sharks and other events that inspire creativity in the Canadian landscape." It's a look at the artist "as a multi-media inventor." Co-ordinator Schell is excited for the upcoming discussion. "It will be wonderful," she said. "I think that a lot of people will be interested."■

# High Speed Internet: The Future of Haliburton County

On Friday, July 11 Bell Aliant hosted a mini-trade show in the Minden Room at the Delta Pinestone from 1 pm until 6 pm. Bell representatives talked with customers about the availability of high-speed in different areas of the County.

The Pinestone area high-speed network is now up and running, and those in the Soyers Lake East area, and homes within a few kilometres of the Pinestone, will be able to activate the service and get their modem all at the same time. People in this area should thank the Pinestone, because their large corporate presence convinced Bell Aliant to invest in the region.

At the show, people were able to see just how the Bell high-speed network is progressing, and sign up for future service. "People want to know about the whole process," said Bell Aliant's Jim Neubauer who was at the show. "We're showing people all that we've accomplished in the last year, and what we have planned for the next 18 months. I'm not going anywhere. Bell Aliant's not going anywhere. We're going to stay and make high-speed a reality in Haliburton."

Neubauer believes that high-speed internet can have a profound impact on the Highlands' economy. "If people can get high-speed at the cottage, they'll be able to spend more time there and do some work, instead of going back to the office in the city. This could get cottagers staying up here for the Monday, or for an extra week. The more high-speed there is, the longer cottagers will stay. The longer they stay the more money they will spend up here."

"People want the internet in the Highlands for various reasons," Nebaurer said. "They want it for business, for communications, for entertainment, and personal reasons. We want to provide them with the high-speed they want, and need."

Bob Smith of the County of Haliburton Corporation was at the trade show, and he was very pleased with the turnout. "I think that the show's been a huge success, when it comes to numbers. We've had a lot of people come in to check it out. A lot more people than I expected. We've only been open for an hour or so, and we've had well over 150 people come through. We began at 1pm, but there was already a line up at 12:45."

Bell Aliant invited The County of Haliburton to have a display at the show. "We're very supportive of the high-speed initiative," Smith said. "We really want high-speed across Haliburton."■


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# Glamor and Little Glamor Lake Cottage Associations Meeting

Liz Danielsen
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***"If you can identify people or you see someone doing something dangerous on the water, call the police!"***
***(Suzanne Partridge)***

This year the Glamor Lake and Little Glamor Lake Cottage Associations held a joint AGM on Saturday. Like many of the lake associations the hot topics up for discussion included the activities of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF), Waterfront Ratepayers after Fair Taxation (WRAFT) and Fight Uranium Mining & Exploration (FUME).

Lorrie Saville, President of the Glamor Lake Cottage Association (GLCA) chaired the joint meeting, welcoming everyone and voicing her pleasure at having the two groups meeting together.

Brian Cain (GLCA) gave the Treasurer's report. Cain also commented on a report received from WRAFT who are continuing their work to achieve equity in waterfront property assessment and taxation.

Four of the five members of the Highlands East Municipal Council also attended the meeting. Saville introduced Reeve Dave Burton, and Councillors Donna Graham, Gary Stoughton and Suzanne Partridge.

Burton spoke to several issues specific to the area. He reported that the Municipality is working on Ursa Road, a long overdue project. According to Burton the Municipality received more funding than they had originally anticipated for roads, so in addition to scheduled work on Houston Road money will be invested in improvements to Ursa Road. Burton said that if there are funds remaining after those projects are complete, work will also be done on Glamor Lake Road up to the dam.

Graham, councillor for the area, then provided a more detailed report. She said that the landfill sites are being cleaned up and suggested that anyone renting their cottages leave their landfill cards and recycling lists at the cottage for use by the renters. Graham reported on several Ontario Trillium applications submitted for new playground equipment and a cement foundation for the pavilion at the Glamorgan Community Centre. According to Graham work is also under way with Trails and Tours for a walking path through the park in Gooderham. The trail is expected to be complete by the end of August.

Gooderham referred those in attendance to swimming lessons available for families, flyers that detail Horseshoe Days activities and the Gooderham Connection Newsletter.

Roger Young, Vice President of the Little Glamor Lake Association, then talked about his experience learning about uranium in the area and his involvement with FUME. He praised FUME's co-founders Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill for their continuing efforts to inform and educate people in the area about the issues associated with natural occurrences of uranium as well as uranium mining and exploration. Young also mentioned Highlands East Council's support of FUME.

Audience members questioned the viability of property owners staking their own lands in efforts to protect themselves from the mining companies. According to Robin Simpson, the Ministry has advised him that the Mining Act is in place to promote mining, not to allow individuals to protect their own land from mining. He said, "It's much better to fight this thing than try to protect your land from staking."

Simpson had a serious warning for the cottagers: "We're sitting on a major deposit of uranium. Whatever you do, don't let your kids or grandkids drink your water until it is tested for uranium." Simpson spoke about the families whose children have extremely high levels of uranium in their bodies and said that they were finding cases where there is a relationship between uranium and growth problems in children. Simpson also cautioned people that the information provided by the Government regarding safe levels of uranium in your body is based on a full sized man, not women or children.

Simpson also said that more uranium is usually found in deep wells that have been drilled, rather than in more shallow wells. He said that as many as 35-40 percent of the wells tested in the area so far are significantly above the danger level, adding that lake water is often a good alternative.

Simpson also warned about the dangers of naturally-occurring radon gas in the area, and urged people to air out their homes and cottages and, in particular, their basements. He said it is an easy measure to take to remediate the levels of radon.

Roger Young told the cottage owners that they contribute as much as 80 percent of the municipal budget through taxation and he is concerned that cottage values will plummet if there is active open pit mining activity. Young also mentioned waste rock and tailings that result from mining and the ongoing hazards associated with them. He alluded to FUME's letter-writing campaign and their efforts to get MP's and MPP's on side through the process and urged people to get involved in the campaign.

Talk then turned to a report on the activities of WRAFT. Brian Cain reported that the government continues to oppose the work being done by WRAFT. He said the organization has a lot of work ahead, particularly when the new assessments come out. They will also be kept busy following up on the recommendations of the Ontario Ombudsman.

According to Cain WRAFT are continuing in their uphill battle to work on the inequitable shift in assessments towards waterfront properties. He said one of WRAFT's goals is to cap assessment increases at five percent based on historic information. A motion was put forward and passed to support WRAFT's work.

Jack Saville reported on lake quality. He said for some reason the lake had been dropped off MNR's list and no report had been received. Saville did say that all of the tests done indicated the same results as the previous two years which he assumed meant that water quality has not decreased. Members were asked not to wash in the lake or use fertilizers on lawns and to keep septic systems in order. Greg Gates from Little Glamor said they had not received any information either, but that phosphorus levels seem to be remaining stable in the lake.

Laurie Saville reported on several housekeeping items. She urged people to remember their 911 numbers to facilitate emergency responses. Replying to comments made about emergency response personnel having problems finding an address, Councillor Partridge said that the Municipality had been having difficulties with the 911 service. She said that their emergency coordinator and fire department were working closely with dispatch and the situation is improving, but suggested that everyone contact the municipality if they have problems.

Saville also urged everyone to contact Bell if they are interested in getting high speed Internet. Saville said that Bell has no immediate plans to install high speed without a clear indication of interest.

Saville then referred to occurrences of unsafe boating practices in the lake, particularly with seadoos towing children and young people drinking and boating with no life jackets. She reminded everyone about the legal requirements when towing people and the need for spotters. Saville said, "We've had three deaths on Glamor Lake over the years." Partridge reported that she had held discussions with the OPP about similar concerns on Paudash Lake. She said, "If you can identify people or you see someone doing something dangerous on the water, call the police."

Roger Young then spoke about the CEWF. Young described the Coalition as a coalition of representatives from most of the Haliburton Lakes to protect the interests of about 40 thousand cottagers and people with property on reservoir and flow-through lakes. Young said the primary concerns rested with ever-decreasing water levels. He said that while 2008 had exceptionally high water levels, it didn't mean everyone should let things go.

"Our water is used to feed the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW). We supply as much as 35 percent of the water they need and management of the waterway has a dramatic effect on both navigation and accessibility to your docks," said Young. He added that the Coalition was formed to bring pressure on the government to make water draw-downs more equitable and to deal with the future of the TSW.

Young referred to a document prepared by the Coalition making a number of recommendations (see www.tswpanel.ca), including the establishment of a water management authority that will combine both Federal and Provincial government interests with the interests of everyone else involved. Another goal is to establish a Trent-Severn Heritage Region Council to promote sustainability of the watersheds.

According to Young, one of the recommendations that is coming to fruition is the establishment of a non-partisan caucus to assist in the implementation of some of the political recommendations contained in the TSW Panel's report. Young asked all the members present to "buttonhole your MP's and MPP's across the province. The more groundswell of public opinion, the better results we'll get."■

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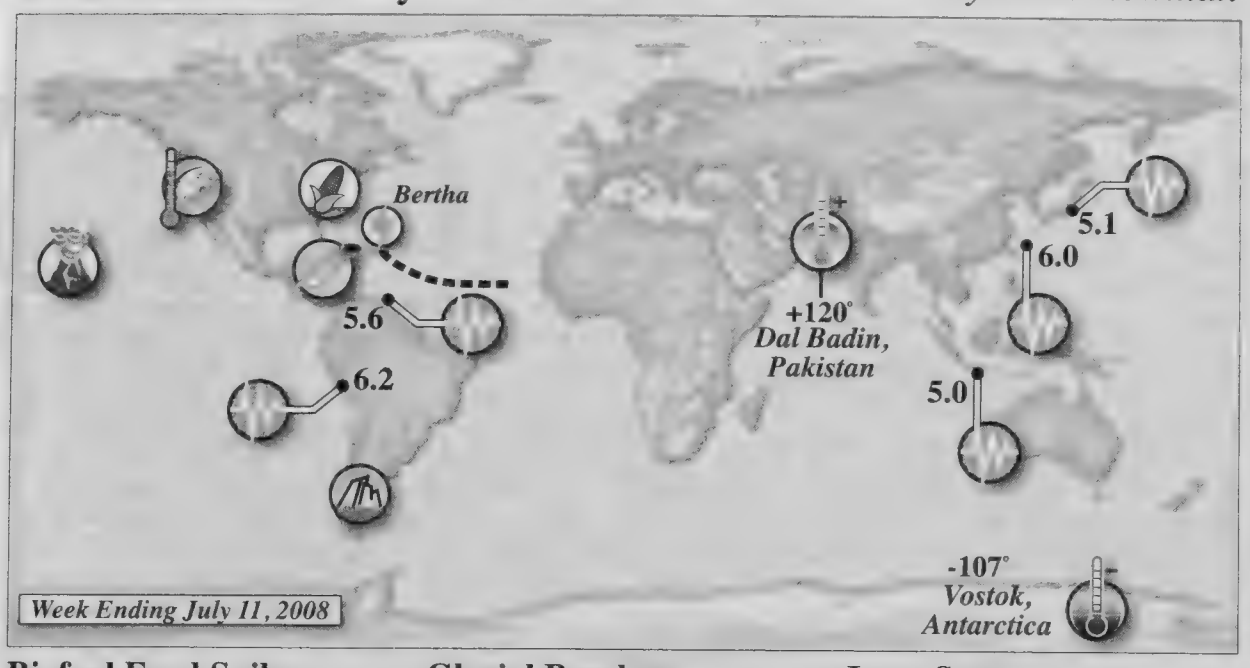


## Biofuel Food Spike

A draft World Bank report reveals that growing crops for biofuels, along with diminished grain supplies, market speculation and export bans, have been responsible for three quarters of the 140 percent rise in food prices over the last six years. The report's author, World Bank top agricultural economist Don Mitchell, said the remainder of the increase has been due to a weak U.S. dollar, higher fertilizer costs and soaring energy fees. The report contradicts earlier estimates of biofuel's effects on food prices that have ranged between 2 and 3 percent claimed by the Bush administration and up to 30 percent calculated by the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization. "Without the increase in biofuels, global wheat and maize stocks would not have declined appreciably and price increases due to other factors would have been moderate," Mitchell said.

## Flat-Screen Warming

The gas used in manufacturing liquid crystal display (LCD) flat-screen televisions could cause more global warming than coal-fired power plants, according to a report in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*. Nitrogen trifluoride's climate-warming effect reportedly could be 17,000 times stronger than that of carbon dioxide, and production of the chemical could double to 8,000 tons next year, according to atmospheric chemist and report co-author Michael Prather. The switch to digital television in the U.S. over the next several months is expected to create a boom in sales of flat-screen televisions, including LCDs. Liquid crystal display sets have often been touted as eco-friendly because they consume less power than plasma or rear-projection sets.

## Glacial Breakup

Scientists say that the sudden collapse of part of an Argentine glacier for the first time ever in winter is yet another sign of a warming climate. The Perito Moreno glacier, one of the world's largest, is a popular tourist attraction in the southern Andes. The prediction that a large chunk may break off at any time has drawn sightseers to Los Glaciares National Park from across Argentina. "This is the first time the glacier has broken up in winter. It could be related to global warming as rising temperatures affect ice friction," said park director Carlos Corvalan. Large chunks of ice often break off the glacier into Lake Argentina during the southern summer months, but the appearance of a large fissure in mid-winter is unprecedented.

## Record Hurricane

The first named hurricane in the Atlantic basin this year broke records as it formed much farther east than any other storm has so early in the season. The disturbance that eventually became Hurricane Bertha blew off the west coast of Africa in a pattern more typical of late summer. Some hurricane experts say Bertha's formation so far east this early in the season, and its explosive growth from a tropical storm into a major hurricane, could foretell a very active hurricane season.

## Earthquakes

At least one person was killed and scores of homes were damaged when a 6.2 magnitude quake struck southern Peru. The shaking triggered landslides that blocked several roads.

• Earth movements were also felt in metropolitan Tokyo, Okinawa, East Java and Trinidad and Tobago.

## Lava Surge

Hawaii's Kilauea volcano produced a sharp increase in activity that triggered a mild tremor and sent lava shooting 45 feet into the sky. The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory reports that the tremor registered a magnitude of 3.0, and was followed by the normally incandescent Halemaumau vent going dark for several minutes. A flow of lava has been clearly visible snaking eastward from the crater, while underground tubes have expelled lava into the ocean. Geologists believe the recent breakouts of lava have been due to increased gas pressure in the volcano's extensive underground lava tube system. Kilauea has been erupting on and off for 25 years, but more lava than usual is now spewing from the volcano and flowing into the ocean.

## 'Super Egg'

Cuban TV reports that a hen in the country's eastern city of Guantanamo has laid a "super egg" that is heavier than the previous Guinness world record holder in Spain. Demmy Rojas, the hen's proud owner, told Solvision TV that he found the bird "showing off" the egg to other chickens in his coup. A station employee told reporters that in other cases of huge eggs, there has been a second egg inside. But he added that no one has tried to find out if that is the case this time because so many people want to see the egg intact. Officially, the egg weighs .377 pounds, making it slightly heavier than the one laid in Spain's Canary Islands. The hen, whose identity is being kept secret, is said to be a mix of several breeds.

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# The 'Wild' World of Forensics Team of Experts Give a Lesson On Solving Crimes Against Animals

Families were conducting mock special investigations at the Minden Community Centre on Wednesday, July 9, during Stewardship Discovery Days.

Held in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Out to Learn, this event was all about the unique world of wildlife forensics.

"We run a lot of programs with a lot of active groups," said Nicole Tuyten, Stewardship Coordinator for the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council. "This event is designed for both permanent and seasonal residents."

On hand to teach those in attendance about some of the methods used in analyzing wildlife DNA was Dina Adbelhakim, Forensic Scientist with the Trent University Wildlife Forensic Laboratory.

Craig Smith and Kevin Hoare, Conservation Officers with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) also were in attendance to speak about calls they receive on illegal hunting in the area and described what evidence it is they look for at a crime scene. Following their presentation, the officers took out participants on a mock investigation where trails of clues were planted in various locations.

Inside the Community Centre, Barrie Martin from Yours Outdoors educated participants about various different animal species by examining pelts, bones and scat.

For details on future Stewardship Discovery Days, contact Nicole Tuyten at 705-286-5206 or send her an email at nicole.tuyten@ontario.ca or visit www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton.■

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# Men Tackle Huge Reno Of Haliburton Caboose

## The Inside Scoop & Tour of the Renos

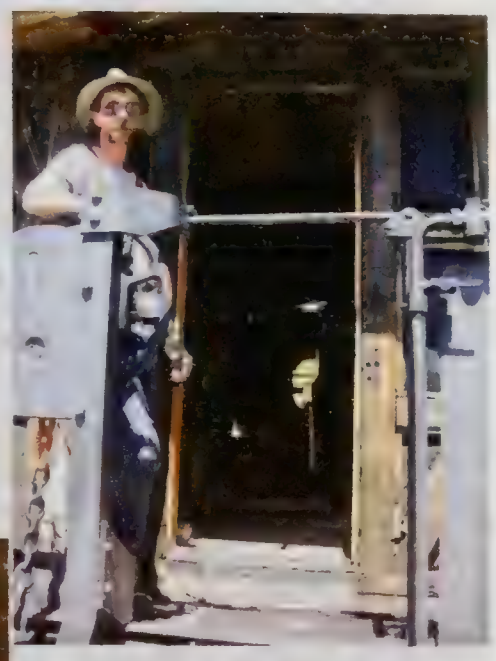
Tyson Farrell
*Staff Reporter*

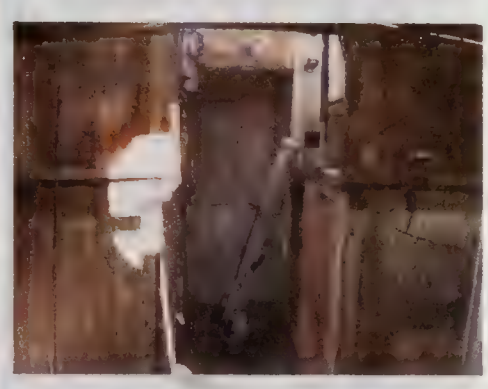
It's been many weeks since the little orange caboose in Haliburton village was torched by arsonists in a midnight attack, and there is still a long way to go before it is fully restored. Restoration work is currently being done by M&M Construction, which is based in Coboconk.

The majority of the work is being done by Coboconk resident Jeff Janes. "My boss Clint Penthick thought I might enjoy a change of pace, so he offered me this job. I've worked in construction for a long time, but I have to admit, this is the first time I've renovated a caboose."

At the moment, all of the wood cutting is being done by hand. "I haven't been able to get a generator on site yet," he said. "So I haven't had any electric saws. I've been doing all of the cutting the old fashioned way. I hope to have a generator helping me soon."

Janes guesses that there will be at least a month of work. "We have a few challenges to deal with. We found a bunch of dry rot, which wasn't caused by the fire or water damage, and therefore isn't in the scope of our repairs, but we're fixing it anyways. We also discovered that the old chimney was lined with asbestos, so we had to remove all of that. The roof is also heavily damaged. It was just cooked," he said. According to Janes, the greatest challenge will be making the caboose look exactly like it did during its prime. "A lot of parts, like the trim, need to be built by hand. That will take quite a bit of work."■





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# Minden Fire Department Gets Christmas in July

*Photos By:* Lyn Winans

Minden Fire Fighters celebrate the arrival of with their newest addition - a brand new pumper number 9.

Christmas morning seemed to have arrived early at the Minden municipal lot last Tuesday evening. It was impossible to overlook the big, shiny, bright red, fire truck parked immediately outside the hall, nor could passersby deny the excitement surrounding the latest acquisition, pumper # 9. The fire crew along with local politicians, were kicking tires, opening doors, checking gauges, blowing horns and generally looking like kids on Christmas morning, albeit big ones.

The new pumper is the latest addition to the Minden Firefighter's arsenal and will replace old #7. The $192,000 vehicle is a 2008 International 4400 tanker-pumper built by E-One. It carries 1500 gallons of water and has a computerized, rather than manual, pump control system. Mike Hutchings of E-One provided training for the fire crew.

Everyone at the department is very pleased with the new truck and the working relationship that was established with E-One as the 4400 was being built.

Before leaving, Chief Doug Schell assured us that they would remove the cello wrapping from the hoses before actually arriving at a fire with pumper # 9.■

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# Highland Games 2008

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The 20th Annual Highland Games were bigger and getter then ever. From dancing to large men throwing stuff, to pipers and marching bands - it was a fun event for all ages. If you missed this year - be sure to catch it again next year.

# The Border Collie Show an Enduring Feature at Highland Games

Terrance Gavan
*Sports Editor*

There is an element of Swiss Watch precision evident in the undulating line of sheep and dogs whipping around the loosely-fenced field.

Moss and Maive are working in tandem as the sheep are brought into the makeshift ring in the middle of the Haliburton Highland Games field. Moss and Maive are a mother and daughter Border Collie team. Moss is 11 and Maive is seven. The two have been working together ever since Maive was old enough to run. Caber is an interested and excited bystander right now. Only two-years-old, Caber is the Collie in Waiting, if you will, eager to get his chance, learning the ropes, and watching attentively as Maive and Moss work their intuitive and hardwired sheep herding magic in the ring.

This attention to detail and unflinching dedication to inborn work ethic is what fascinates most people about this breed. You can see it on the faces of the children. Hear it in the giggles as Moss darts wide to scoop a recalcitrant sheep back to the fold. "Mom, look how smart she is," says one excited toddler as Maive dashes madly to the whistles beck and call. The adults are fascinated, but the kids are mesmerized.

There's no secret at work here. Of all the canine breeds, Border Collies are well and truly the species endowed with that most human of qualities. To wit: An inherent ability to convey joy through a twitch, a nod and a smile. Like the Bottlenose Dolphin, Border Collies are imbued with an indelible smile. It comes to life when they work. A canny grin coupled with a boundless capacity to please.

Moss, Maive and Caber are just three in a long line of Border Collies bred and trained by Larry Forster and Sylvia O'Kane-Forster. They have been wowing the crowds at the Haliburton Highland Games for a lot of years and it's obvious as they put the dogs through their paces in the ring that Larry and Sylvia love this life.

They've been involved with the Border Collie Breed for 23 years and run Larsyl Border Collies and Rescues out of Castleton, Ontario. Larry says they attend about eight to 10 games or fall fairs every year. Larry handles the narrating duties and Sylvia manages the dogs and sheep in the ring.

The Border Collie exhibition always draws a huge complement of fascinated spectators at the Haliburton Highland Games. It was no different last Saturday as huge crowds gathered for the Border Collie shows held at noon and 2:30 at the Highland Games venue in Head Lake Park.

And no offence to Larry or Sylvia, who remain the staunch lynchpins of this organization.

But, in Border Collie exhibitions as in life, Vaudeville and the movies: the dogs will out. The Hollywood saw: never follow kids or dogs holds true in LA and in Haliburton. But it's a fact of life that Larry and Sylvia have come to accept with equanimity.

As Sylvia brings the sheep and dogs into the ring, Larry takes over on the mike.

"Border Collies were developed by the Scots on the border of England and Scotland and they were chosen and bred for their ability to run and herd," Larry tells the crowd gathered for the

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# Dorset Takes a Trip to the Past

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## Dorset Heritage Day 2008

### Annual Heritage Day & Silent Auction Raises Funds for Museum

There was a lot to see and do in the town of Dorset this past Saturday during the annual Heritage Day & Silent Auction.

Held at the Recreation Centre and on the museum grounds, hundreds made their way to the day's festivities. Some of the featured activities included: horse drawn wagon rides, sewing demos, candle-making, pottery and stone carving workshops and on-site face painting courtesy of "Stormy" the clown.

New to this year's event was the painting of two murals by artists from the Group of Seven Outdoor Art Gallery. The Haliburton Arts Council also had a presence at the event with Ron Murdoch who provided information on the arts in Haliburton Highlands.

Indoors, the silent auction included items for the whole family such as rounds of golf at Big Winn Island, unique gift baskets and special items for children.

The annual event is a fundraiser for the Dorset Heritage Museum. Visit www.dorsetheritagemuseum.ca to see what this historic site in Dorset has to offer.■

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# Under the Influence at the Highlands Summer Festival

Review by Tyson Farrell

Last Friday, July 11th, the Highlands Summer Festival premièred *Under the Influence,* their first musical production of the season.

The performance of local musicians Lauren McInnes, Tom and Jocelyn Regina, with Waterloo harpist Dawna Coleman, provided a delightful adventure through music and human emotion.

The audience was guided through the performance by a dapper black-cloaked character in a top hat. This narrator explored the human psyche and the inspirations of the artistic mind through a script written and directed by local English teacher Kerry Riley. The narrator introduced each musical piece, tying them together with humorous dialogue.

The part of the narrator was shared by all five of the musicians, each taking turns donning the cloak and top hat. A remarkable moment occurred when Jocelyn was giving a soliloquy. She spun around, and Tom, also dressed as the narrator, emerged from the folds of her cloak. In the meantime, Jocelyn had disappeared into the shadows of the stage. It was a seamless transition between the two actors' portrayal of the narrator, and an impressive little stage trick that made many audience members gasp in amazement.

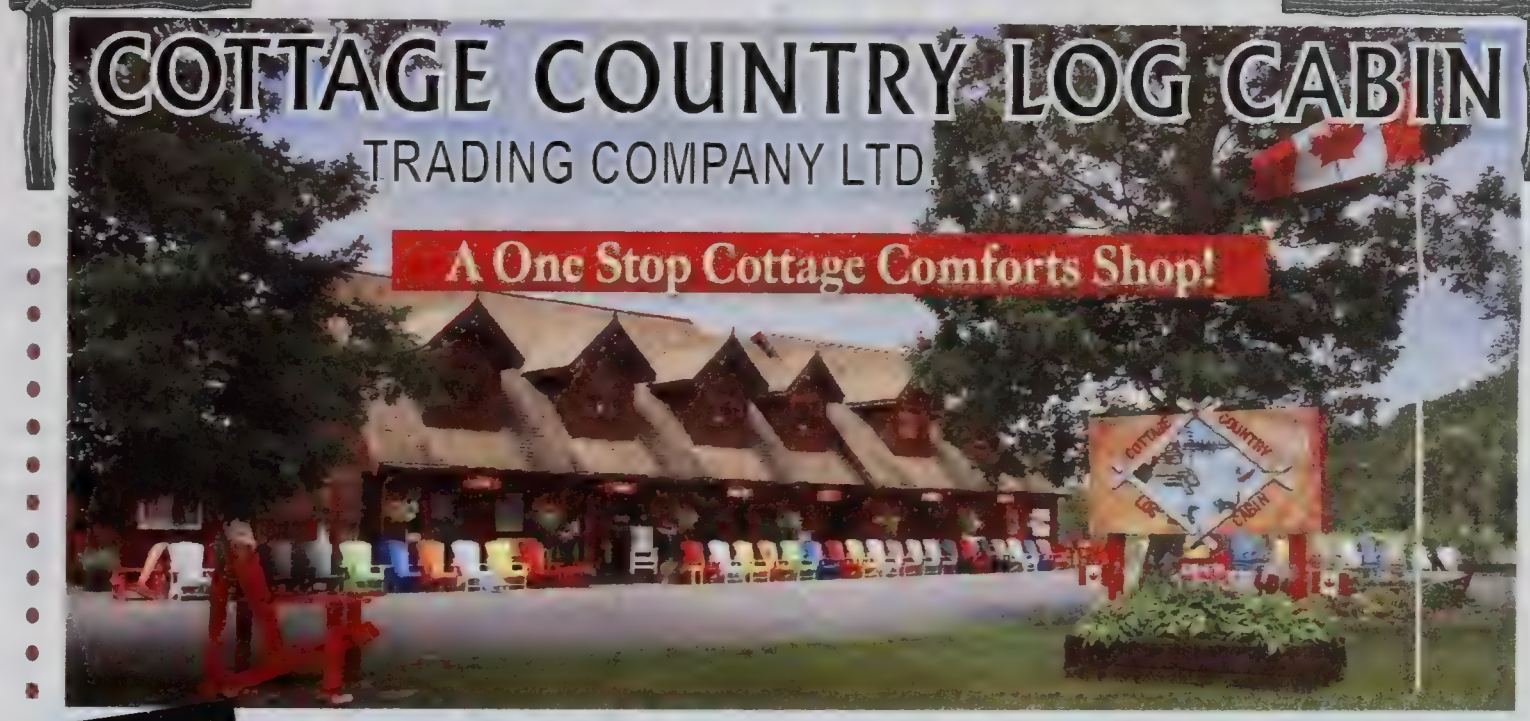
Another enjoyable character was 'the Porter,' played by local high school student Will Reynolds. Although he did not spend a great deal of time on stage, Reynolds had the audience laughing with his over-the-top one-liners about love.

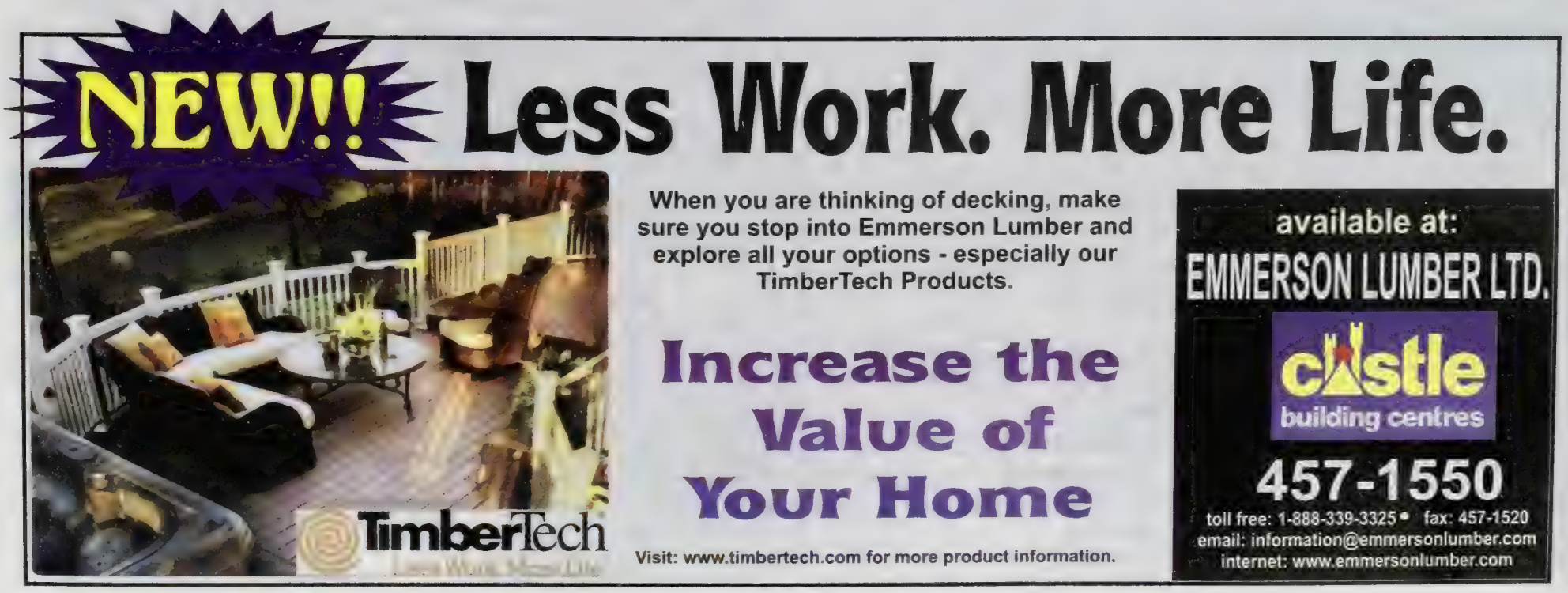
Although the narrator and the Porter were enjoyable, the emphasis of the show was most definitely the music. A wide variety of music was played, from composers as different as John Ireland, Caroline Lizotte, and Johann Sebastian Bach. The Regina family must be one of the most musically talented families in the Highlands. Throughout the performance, Tom mesmerized the audience with his flute, while Jocelyn and Lauren dazzled with their voices and exceptional piano playing. Just 18, Jocelyn displays outstanding talent which will soon rival the skills of her mother Lauren.

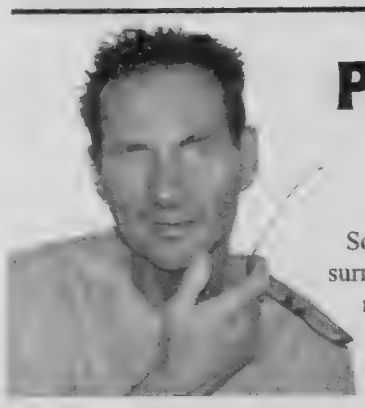
Although all of the musicians deserve praise, Tom's performance was particularly impressive. The sound of his flute was so seductive and alluring that it had the audience spellbound. When Tom performed with harpist Coleman, the product was even more spectacular. Flute may not be paired up with classical harp very often, but by performing Astor Piazzolla's Bordel 1900, the two performers proved that it should be. The two instruments complimented each other beautifully.

The Summer Festival took the opportunity to show off an impressive spotlight which followed characters around the stage. The lighting scheme was impressive, but perhaps a bit too ambitious, as some of the lighting cues came late.

The Summer Festival has produced another fine piece of theatre in *Under the Influence*. By showcasing master pianists, flautists, and harpists, the Festival has acknowledged and respected the intelligence of its audience. It's an impressive musical performance that is sure to please even the most refined of tastes. There will be two more performances of *Under the Influence*, on July 21 and August 5.■





# Packers Run Roughshod over The Legend

## Favre's Final Chapter Still to be Written

Terrance Gavan
*Sports Editor*

**Sports Column**

Somewhere in this cacophony (emphasis on the phony) surrounding Brett Favre's recent retirement recant, we are reminded that football is first and foremost a business.

Green Bay Packers moved on after Favre's teary exit from pro football in a press conference held last March.

Packer management quickly committed to backup quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Thanks for the memories Brett. We'll see you on founder's day … oh and don't forget to drop us a line now and then.

Favre's agent Bus Cook intimates that the Packer brass had probably moved on well before Favre announced his retirement.

"Nobody pushed Brett Favre out the door," said Cook. "But then nobody encouraged him not to go out that door either. I don't think he had a lot of encouragement to stay, but nobody told him to leave either."

Here's what we know about that little ditty.

Pro football is big business. Check out Google and see how Microsoft treated programmers who never quite got over the loss of DOS.

Brett Favre had some time this spring to ponder his status and sent a subtle and polite text to Packer GM Ted Thompson, suggesting that he might like to return to the Packer fold.

Thompson and the club had already planned to retire Favre's hallowed number 4 jersey in the 2008 season opener against vaunted rival Minnesota Vikings. This presented an immediate problem for the VP of promotions. How do you hang a jersey 200 feet in the air on opening day if the guy's still wearing it?

Thompson heaped praise on Favre in the aftermath of his retirement. He lauded Favre's staunch service, the 15 years of sweat, toil and injury. The records and the heartache. The loss of the father, the fight with the bottle and the painkillers, the numerous times in those 15 seasons that Favre had gone out and performed above and beyond the call. The snow, the –30 centigrade flea flickers and icy bombs. The fact that Favre, more than any Packer in history, had left gentle brushed strokes of his persona on every nook and cranny of Lambeau Field.

Packer Nation would miss their beloved field general, said Thompson. He said all the right things. Favre was "family" and the Packers would ensure his special place in history and preserve his "legacy."

Here's what we know about Packer GM Ted Thompson.

Very nice suit. Very little sincerity.

Ted Thompson knows one thing for certain. Packer Football is big business. And big business doesn't need a 38-year-old, geriatric Luddite throwing a wrench into the well-oiled works. Packer Pride goest before the profit, apparently.

How do we know?

Well, because of the way that the organization handled Brett Favre's sincere and appropriate entreaties. Favre broached the subject of a return and management suddenly departed, en masse, on summer vacation.

They answered Favre's genuine and politic advance with the following press release.

"The Green Bay Packers are aware of the latest developments regarding Brett Favre," the statement began. "... As with all Packers greats, Brett's legacy will always be celebrated by our fans and the organization, regardless of any change in his personal intentions."

Here's what we think about that.

The Packer management is a plodding, puttering, doddering, nutty-as-fruitcake, loopy, lump of cheese heads.

And they apparently underestimated Favre's enduring legacy and his ability to play the field. (Pun and irony intended with vengeance.)

When management continued to stall he simply let it be known that he wanted his release.

Here's what we know about that.

Thompson may be an idiot, a crank, a clodhopper and a boor. But he ain't stupid.

The single word "release" triggered the following fluffy little scenario.

September 8, 2008. The Packers are playing the Minnesota Vikings in their home opener at Lambeau Field. The sun is shining. They will be retiring Brett Favre's number 4 jersey in a half time ceremony. Ironically, the starting QB for the Vikings is number 4, Brett Favre. The Vikings have no intention of retiring this jersey. By half-time Favre's Vikings are up 28-3. Brett is 14 for 18 for 235 yards, three touchdowns and no picks. There are 12 separate effigies of Ted Thompson burning in the stands.

And that's why GM Ted Thompson and Head Coach Mike McCarthy will never give Brett Favre his unconditional release. Ghosts have a habit of coming back to haunt you. It's why we try never to build a housing development on an ancient Hopi burial ground. We've seen the movie. And the sequel. So has Thompson.

Here's what Thompson finally had to say to give this crunchy nugget some perspective.

"Quite frankly, it's a little gut-wrenching as an organization to go through it, and certainly for Mike and myself," Thompson said. "This stuff hurts a lot of people. I mean … it hurts. I'm not talking about physically hurting, but the sensitivity. We understand where the fans are coming from. This is a hot-button issue that surpasses anything I've ever gone through."

Here's what we think about that self-serving slice of baloney.

What a load of hooey. Hooey is what expels from the north side of an angus bull who is sauntering south.

Here's what we've learned today.

Pro football is big business.

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# Minden River Kings Girding for Tryout Camp in August

Terrance Gavan
*Sports Editor*

## First Home Game Set for Sunday September 14th

These are heady times for Minden River King head coach Mike Jeschke.

Jeschke and the Kings are less than two months away from their first ever game in the fledgling Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL). The River Kings open their GMHL schedule on the road against the South Muskoka Shield in Gravenhurst on Saturday, September 13.

Their home opener versus the Brock Bucks is slated for Sunday, September 14th at 6 pm.

Jeschke says he'll be spending almost every waking moment from now until then organizing the tryout and training camps, signing players, making additions to the website, locating billets and overseeing the installation of the new dressing room at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

Oh, and in the midst of all that excitement, Jeschke will also be setting aside some time on Saturday, September 6th. The occasion? His wedding day. "I had to promise not to schedule a practice on the 6th," laughs Jeschke, who seems to be coping in spite of the plethora of demands on his available time right now.

This week, the ice will be going in at the Minden Arena and that means they will be installing the new River King logo at center ice.

"We're pretty excited about that, but we're also happy that we'll be able to start skating very shortly," said Jeschke, who along with assistant coach Brooks Robinson will be welcoming players into Minden over the next few weeks in preparation for the August long weekend tryout camp, slated for the Nesbitt on August 2nd and 3rd.

Jeschke said that the format for the tryout camp has been streamlined to accommodate a shift in philosophy and some recent and exuberant player acquisitions. The River Kings have been busy signing a few key players and as a result, spots at the camp will be limited to 50 players.

He said that priority spots would be held for local players who display an interest in attending the camp, but that out of town player spots would be by invitation only.

Jeschke said that the River Kings recently signed Tyler Wright. Wright is a speedy 5'7" forward who played with the Whitby Wildcats Major Midget AAA Hockey Club last season. Wright's family own a cottage near Carnarvon and Wright will be able to live and billet a few additional players at the residence for the duration of 2008-09 season.

The Kings also signed Houston native Evan Beasley, a sturdy defensive prospect that the Kings acquired in the GMHL draft back in June.

Haliburton native Devon Hunter who played with Fleming College in the OCAA collegiate league last season has also signed a letter of intent to play with the Kings. Jeschke says that Hunter is the first local to sign with the club, but he said that management hopes to nail down a few more local prospects within the upcoming weeks

"We've had a lot of local interest as the tryout camp gets closer, and we'd like to see as many local players as possible come out on the long weekend," said Jeschke.

He allowed that the Kings will probably have 12 or 13 players signed before the start of the August tryout camp. "That's why we'll be limiting the numbers to about 50 players," said Jeschke. "We figure that they'll be playing for about 12 or 13 open spots on the roster."

He says that when the ice goes in this week, local players will be able to utilize the Minden Arena surface in preparation for the tryout camp.

"The American players that we've invited to camp have been on ice all summer, so it will be nice to be able to provide ice time for the local players who are interested in coming to the camp," said Jeschke.

One of those American players is 6'8" 250 pound New Jersey defenceman Brian Dumkowski. Jeschke said that Dumkowski has signed with the River Kings, and will be at the August long weekend camp.

In league news, the GMHL recently announced the addition of a new team. The Ville-Marie Dragons will be ready to begin play this fall in the North Division.

The addition of the Dragons brings the league total to 15 teams, seven in the north division with Minden and eight in the south.

Jeschke said that the River Kings will play a 43 game schedule, 21 at home at 21 on the road with one game played in a neutral venue.

He said that plans are underway for a gala event at the home opener on September 14.

"On opening day we're planning to have the rink open for a public skate with the players," said Jeschke. That free public skate will be run in conjunction with several other community-based promotions, organized to celebrate the team's inaugural home game in the GMHL Junior A loop.

He says that the Nesbitt Memorial is fire-rated to hold about 700, but that's the absolute maximum. He said that comfortable seating, utilizing the upper viewing areas would logistically rest in the neighborhood of 650.

"We'd love to get 600 fans for that home opener," said Jeschke. "Because I guarantee that people who come to see that first game will be back for more. This is a great league and we plan to be competitive from the beginning."

He said that game times on Sundays are set for 6pm. That provides families with a school night buffer, allowing the kids to be home by 9:30 on most game nights.

Overtime: Jeschke says the River Kings are still looking for some community input for a couple of key positions. He says they're currently looking for a volunteer Billet Coordinator, someone with ties to the community who can help locate billets for the 20 or so players that will require accommodation for the season. Management also has a call out for someone willing to take tickets and organize the 50-50 Draw and other promotional raffles. They are also looking for an announcer and music coordinator for River King home games. Anyone interested should contact Jeschke at mike@mindenriverkings.net or phone the arena.■

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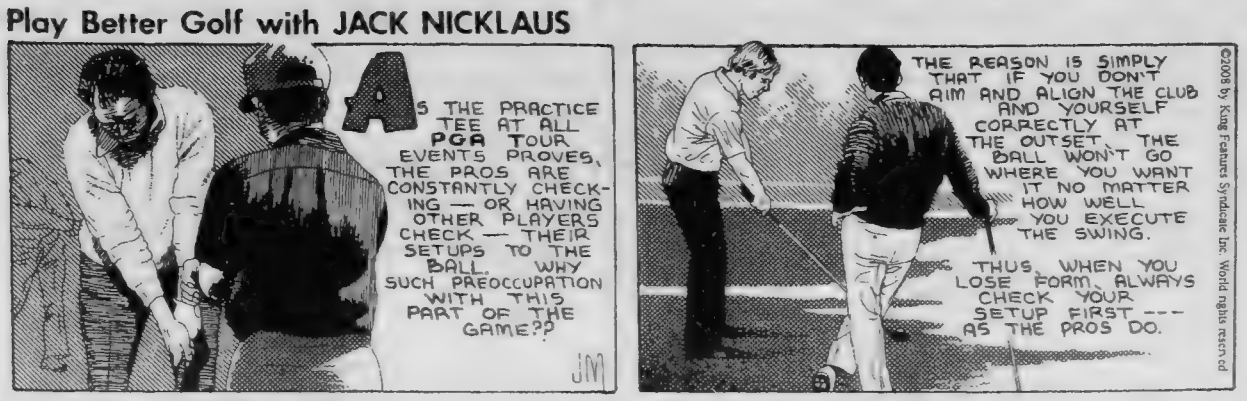


## Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On July 17, 1996, shortly after takeoff from New York's Kennedy International Airport, a TWA Boeing 747 jetliner bound for Paris explodes over the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 people aboard. Because the plane was loaded with fuel for the long trans-Atlantic journey, Flight 800 vaporized within moments.

On July 18, 1986, new close-up videotapes of the sunken ocean liner Titanic are released to the public. The videotapes were stunning in their clarity and detail, showing one of the ship's majestic grand staircases and a coral-covered chandelier swinging slowly in the ocean current.

On July 19, 1799, a French soldier in Egypt discovers the Rosetta Stone, a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing in Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphics and Egyptian demotic. The artifact held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.

On July 20, 1869, Mark Twain's book "The Innocents Abroad" is published. Samuel Langhorne Clemens adopted the pseudonym "Mark Twain," a boatman's call noting that the river was only 2 fathoms deep, the minimum depth for safe navigation.

On July 21, 1925, in Dayton, Tenn., the so-called Monkey Trial ends with John Thomas Scopes being convicted of teaching evolution in violation of Tennessee law. In 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a similar Arkansas law on the grounds that it violated the First Amendment.

On July 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln informs his chief advisers and cabinet that he will issue a proclamation to free slaves. He hoped a strong statement declaring a national policy of emancipation would stimulate a rush of the South's slaves into the ranks of the Union Army, thus depleting the Confederacy's labor force.

On July 23, 1888, Raymond Chandler, creator of detective Philip Marlowe, is born in Chicago. Chandler published only seven novels, among them "The Big Sleep" (1939), "Farewell My Lovely" (1940) and "The Long Goodbye" (1953), all featuring tough, cynical private-eye Philip Marlowe.

# Larry and Sylvia Forster are Here for the Love of the Dogs

... from pg. 17

*Maive and her sheep*

afternoon show. "They enjoy it and they will literally do this all day long," says Larry. No kidding. It's hot, muggy and humid, but Moss, Maive and Caber are oblivious to all but the task at hand.

The show flows seamlessly, Larry describing the drills as Sylvia puts Moss, Maive and Caber through their paces.

All of the moves and commands, which are duplicated in trials and competitions, have their origins in the Scottish dales.

Sylvia says the breed was developed by Scottish farmers over 400 years ago. "Starting with the best dogs then available, they began selecting breeding stock that had the qualities they wanted," says Sylvia. "They had to have natural ability to work, but be biddable and easily trained."

She goes on to explain that the work ethic and breeding qualities were based on some very stringent qualifications. They had to be fast enough to catch and turn running sheep, with enough stamina to cover a hundred miles a day on the rough, rugged and rolling terrain occupied by dales' farms.

Larry says that Border Collies are known as one of the most intelligent breeds in the world today.

"They are used in commercials and in television today because they are so intelligent and they live to be energetic," says Larry.

It's that fact, that innate intelligence, work ethic and smiling nature which drew Sylvia and Larry to the bred 23 years ago.

They have 10 dogs now but they are also involved in a Border Collie Rescue program. They will take in unwanted Border Collies and train them for people interested in adopting.

Funnily enough, a rescued dog once arrived on the Forster doorstep, brought by an owner who told them that he needed to get rid of the dog because it was chasing his sheep. The irony is not lost on Sylvia. Larry says that they will take in the rescued dogs and work with them in preparation for eventual adoption by a loving and caring family.

Larry and Sylvia's first dog died when he was 18-and-a-half-years old. "He was almost deaf, and I remember one day he came over to the herd and we let him walk behind the sheep," smiles Larry. "Three days later he passed away, peacefully."

And that's the way it is with these dogs. Moss, at 11 is still tearing around the ring. She's lost a bit of velocity, but she still thinks she can herd circles around Maive. Maive, on the other hand, is no slouch. Maive was Reserve Grand Champion in the Ranch Drive portion of the North East Border Collie Association's Trials.

There is a never-say-die exuberance in the breed. They live to run and they love to please.

So, 23 years ago, when Larry and Sylvia acquired their first dog, it was inevitable that they would take this fledgling interest in the breed to its logical conclusion.

You see, when they started, the Forster's didn't have any sheep.

They were living in a residential area back then and as Sylvia became more involved in the training and the competition, well, sheep became a necessary and fundamental addition to the regimen.

"So for a few years we kept sheep at the house, and they became our natural lawn mowers," laughs Larry.

The demands of the trade and probably some input from the neighbors mandated a change.

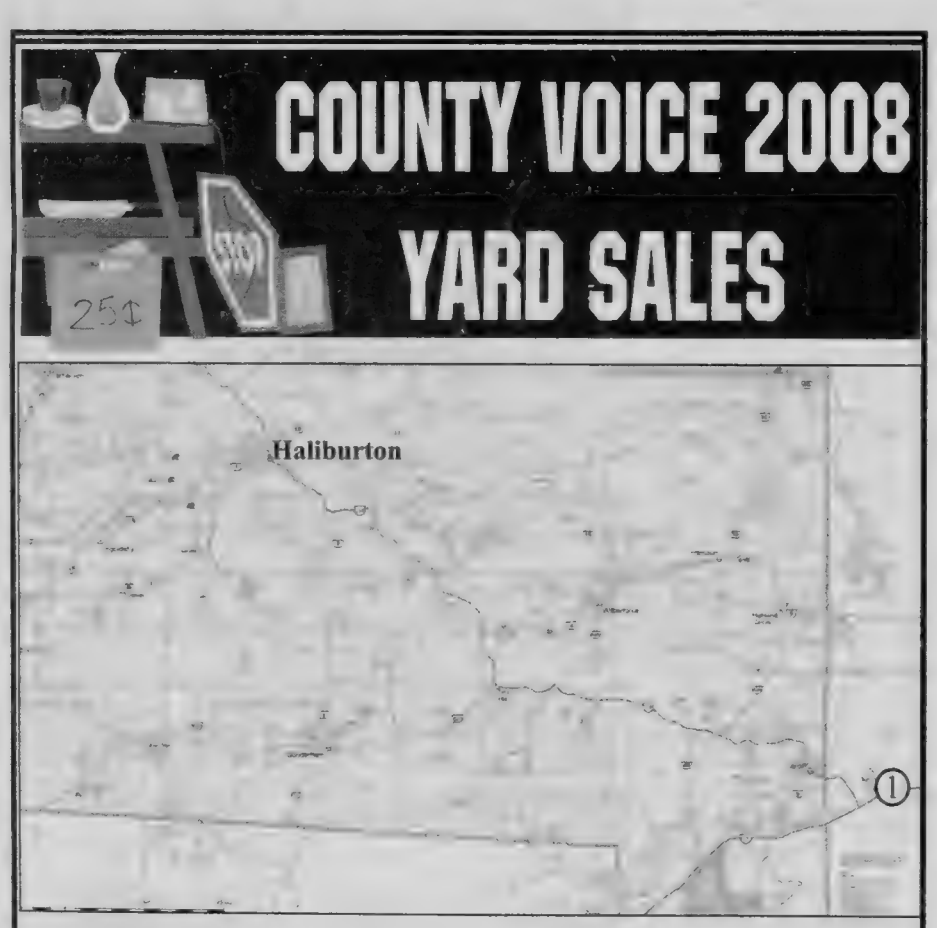
"Well, we finally bought a farm and increased the number of sheep, and if you want to become involved in more serious competition and training, that's what you have to do," says Larry.

This year marks the end of an era for Larry and Sylvia. They'll be retiring on October 1st, but they won't be moving too far away from the sport. "Sylvia will never retire," chuckles Larry. Their daughter and son-in-law now run their own sheep farm and they have been increasingly involved in Border Collie breeding and training, and, indeed, they play an intrinsic role in fostering Maive's success on the competitive trial circuit.

Larry and Sylvia will be moving to a house bordering their daughter and son-in-law's property. "We're lucky because we're moving into a situation where we'll still be able to work with the dogs," says Larry.

And yes, all things being equal, the Forster's will be participating in next year's Haliburton Highland Games.

"We'll continue to do some of the fairs, and we hope to be back here next year," says Larry. "We really enjoy coming here to the Games in Haliburton."■

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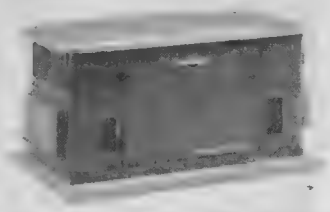
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## Four Impaired Charges Laid

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged four people with alcohol related driving offences within the last week.

On Tuesday July 8th, 2008 shortly after 4:00pm an officer had occasion to stop a vehicle in the Village of Haliburton. The officer had conversation with the driver. The driver was arrested after failing a test on a roadside screening device. He was then taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs is Mark Prindiville 46 years of Dysart Twp. Mr. Prindiville will be appearing in Minden Court on August 6, 2008 in relation to the charges.

On Thursday July 10th in the early morning hours an officer had conversation with a driver in a business parking lot on Highway #35 in Minden. The driver was subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs is Garrett Pockett 24 years of Dysart Twp. Mr. Pockett will be appearing in Minden Court on September 3, 2008 in relation to the charges.

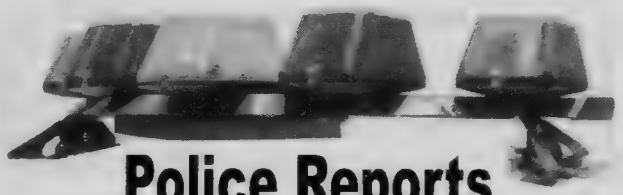
On Friday July 11th, 2008 in the early morning hours an officer had occasion to stop a vehicle on the South Lake Road just outside of Minden. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs is Thomas Michael Bagshaw 30 years of the Township of Minden Hills. Mr. Bagshaw will be appearing in Minden Court on September 3, 2008 in relation to the charges.

On Friday July 11th, 2008 shortly before 4:00pm on officer responding to a driving complaint stopped a vehicle on Highway #35 near Ransley Rd. The officer had conversation with the driver who subsequently failed a roadside screening device test. The driver was arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving, Driver Over 80mgs and having open liquor in a motor vehicle is Cameron Adams 30 years of Bradford. Mr. Adams will be appearing in Minden Court on August 6, 2008 in relation to the charges.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands would like to remind the public that they are encouraged to report all impaired drivers (R.A.I.D.) by calling the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122, *OPP on your cell phone or 911 in emergency situations.■



## Police Reports

Mischief at Best Western Sword Motor Inn

On the morning of Tuesday the 08th of July 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of a mischief at the Best Western Sword Motor Inn on Hastings Street North in the Town of Bancroft. Sometime overnight unknown suspects damaged deer statutes at the front of the business. Anyone with information about this mischief is encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-8477.

Male Charged For Voyeurism Incident

In the morning of Tuesday the 08th of July 2008 the Bancroft OPP responded to the report of a male looking into a window at a residence on Peever Road in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. An adult female who resided at the residence observed a male looking in the window at her. The female was able to identify the male and as a result he was arrested by police. A 21 year old male of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands has been charged with voyeurism contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada, released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft Court on the 19th of August 2008.

Bancroft OPP Investigating Report of Sexual Assault

On the evening of Tuesday the 08th of July 2008 the Bancroft OPP were dispatched to the report of a sexual assault in an area near Cardiff in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that a female was sexually assaulted by an unknown adult male suspect. The investigation is currently ongoing in relation to the incident and the Bancroft OPP is encouraging anyone who may have any information in relation to this incident to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112. Members of the public should use caution when walking alone and be aware of their surroundings.

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# Highlands East Prepares to Take on MPAC

Last week rumblings were heard at the Highlands East Council meeting about potential problems with MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation). While various organizations seek changes to the existing methods of assessment in Ontario, it is apparent that the municipalities may also be faced with their own challenges.

MPAC is a statutory corporation, managed by a Board largely made up of municipal representatives. The corporation does all property assessments throughout the province and is responsible for mailing out assessment notices each year.

The system of assessment has been under review for some time and organizations like the Coalition after Property Tax Reform (CAPTR) are actively campaigning for changes to what they are calling the Government's band-aid solution. They fear that thousands of home and cottage owners will be unfairly victimized as market values continue to skyrocket.

On the next assessment notices property owners in cottage country can expect to see assessment values that will reflect increases from 2005 through to 2007. This is of particular concern as the increases to real estate values during that period were steep.

Hundreds of homeowners have already signed a petition set up by CAPTR in efforts to continue to press the Government for a fairer system of assessment and taxation on behalf of all Ontario homeowners.

The Government of Ontario has recognized that their system is less than perfect, and has changed the assessment cycle to occur once every four years. This will spread percentage increases in assessment values out more evenly over that four year period to help defray substantial increases. This is what CAPTR calls the band-aid solution, as even with the amortized increases some homeowners will have to pay much higher taxes.

Meanwhile, municipalities like Highlands East are struggling to capture all of the development that has taken place within their boundaries, without benefit of development permits. It is through the permitting process that municipalities can identify to MPAC where construction has taken place, whether in the form of new development or through additions or renovations.

According to CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig, the efforts of their by-law enforcement officer have, for now, been directed primarily to documenting and getting photographs of these unauthorized developments. Stoughton-Craig advised her Council last week that in conversation with an MPAC representative she was told that MPAC could not make any promises about including the developments on the assessment rolls.

Stoughton-Craig said, "We're talking about expensive places here with values in excess of $300,000 dollars." This loss of revenue could have a serious impact, not only on Highlands East, but on all municipalities in the County and across Ontario.■

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## ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

**Subject: MUSIC**
**(e.g., In what state is the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? Answer: Ohio.)**

**FRESHMAN LEVEL**
1. With what band is Keith Richards associated?
Answer_____
2. Their album "Bridge Over Troubled Water" was released in 1970
Answer_____
3. What was the name of Elvis Presley's mansion?
Answer_____

**GRADUATE LEVEL**
4. What was Bob Marley's backing band called?
Answer_____
5. A Chuck Berry song requested this composer to "Roll Over."
Answer_____
6. Fats Waller was noted for playing what instrument?
Answer_____

**PH.D. LEVEL**
7. Who wrote the opera "Madama Butterfly"?
Answer_____
8. In what Canadian province was Celine Dion born?
Answer_____
9. Whose 2008 album was titled "Symphony"?
Answer_____

**ANSWERS:** 1. The Rolling Stones. 2. Simon and Garfunkel. 3. Graceland. 4. The Wailers. 5. Beethoven. 6. Piano. 7. Giacomo Puccini. 8. Quebec. 9. Sarah Brightman.

**SCORING:**
18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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## Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

**BORN THIS WEEK: You handle challenging situations with boldness when necessary and caution when called for..**

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your zeal for challenges usually works well for you. But this week it's best to avoid jumping into new situations without more information. Vital news emerges by the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Once again, the Bovine's patience pays off as that pesky problem works itself out without taking too much of your valuable time. A new task opens interesting possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those suggestions you want to share need to be set aside for a while so you can focus on the job at hand. There'll be time later to put your ideas into a workable format.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be sure about your sources before you use the information in any decision you reach about your new project. Some of the data might be out of date or misinterpreted.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A sudden challenge might rattle you at first. But pump up that strong Lion's heart with a full measure of courage and face it with the continuing support of family and friends.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Watch your expenses this week so you can have a financial cushion to fall back on should things tighten up later this month. Money matters ease by the 31st.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncertainty over workplace policy creates anxiety and confusion among your colleagues. Don't be surprised if you're asked, once again, to help work things out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The workweek keeps you busy tying up loose ends and checking data that needs to be verified. The weekend offers a chance to relax and restore your spent energies.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is not the best time to go to extremes to prove a point. Better to set a sensible goal now and move forward. There'll be time later to take the bolder course.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A step-by-step progression is the better way to move ahead. Taking shortcuts could be risky at this time. Important news arrives on the 31st.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid getting drawn into workplace disputes that should be handled by those directly involved. Instead, spend your energy developing those new ideas.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You still need to be prudent about money matters. But things start to ease by the end of the week. A weekend encounter with an old friend brings welcome news.

## Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

**Mom's reluctance to discuss sex puts daughters at risk**

DEAR ABBY: My 17-year-old niece, "Nicki," was recently diagnosed with an STD. When her mother, my sister-in-law "Cynthia," found out she was horrified. She had ignored several family members -- including me -- who had tried to warn her that Nicki was sexually active and not taking proper precautions.

Now Nicki's 14-year-old sister, "Danni," has come to me because she was afraid she was pregnant. I took her to get a pregnancy test done. Thank God, it was negative.

I think Danni should be tested for STDs, and both she and Nicki should be on birth control.

I can't get this through to my sister-in-law. Cynthia thinks I "don't understand" because I have sons, and "all I have to do is give them condoms."

Yes, but I have also talked to them about sex, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy and prevention, as well as the importance of acting responsibly.

I just want my nieces to be safe. Cynthia is living in a state of denial. How can I protect my nieces? -- CONCERNED AUNT IN NEW YORK

DEAR AUNT: Danni obviously trusts you, or she would not have come to you when she thought she was in serious trouble. It's a shame the girls don't have a closer relationship with their mother, and that she has chosen to hide her head in the sand rather than confront the obvious. Because she seems unable to talk to her daughters about sex and the responsibilities that go with it, you should.

If you feel uncomfortable talking to them about this, I have a booklet that can help you. It's called "What Every Teen Should Know," and it has been used by doctors and educators to get the message across in easy-to-understand language. It also contains sections on drugs, alcohol and date rape.

My teen booklet can be ordered by sending a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

Your nieces must understand that having unprotected sex is not only dangerous, but could also prevent them from having children at a time in their lives when they're prepared to provide for them. It's obvious that you care about those girls. So schedule the discussion ASAP, and impress upon them that the decisions they're making now will affect their entire futures and how important it is for them to avoid the pitfalls.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude or inconsiderate for a person to knit, crochet or piece a quilt while attending a meeting or other gathering? -- CURIOUS IN THE SUNBELT

DEAR CURIOUS: Although I may get some argument about this, I do think it's rude. When someone is attending a meeting or a social gathering, it is considered good manners to give the speaker or other attendees your full attention. And while I expect to hear from readers who say they can "multi-task," to do so sends the wrong message.

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# Trying Takes Local Theatre Up a Notch

## Hilarious yet emotionally touching play wows audience

Review by Tyson Farrell

The Highlands Summer Festival certainly has an impressive and diverse lineup of plays this season. Earlier this summer, the comedy *The Foreigner* proved to be a great success, and the musical *Under the Influence* is off to a promising start. On Monday July 15, the dramatic comedy *Trying* premiered at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Featuring Haliburton's Kathryn Boyd and Kennisis Lake's David Mills, the play is both hilarious and emotionally touching.

Written by Joanna McClelland Glass, *Trying* is an autobiographical story of her working relationship as a young woman from Saskatoon with Judge Francis Biddle, former attorney general of the United States. In the play, 25-year-old Sarah Schorr is hired as Biddle's secretary. The previous ones have quit because the 81-year-old is so hard to please. One of the first things he tells her is where the bathroom is: "like all the others, you'll go there to cry."

Biddle's legal mind proves to be a somewhat faulty judge of character, underestimating Sarah's determination, patience, and competence. She really throws him off when she lays some Prairie slang on him, saying "I'm a bugger for work."

On opening night, Boyd and Mills delivered superb performances. It can be difficult for only two actors to carry a full length two-act play, but the couple had no apparent difficulties. Mill's portrayal of Biddle was completely convincing. He mastered the mannerisms of an old, cranky, arthritis-ridden intellect, and his character's struggle with mortality pulled on the audience's heart strings.

Boyd was equally impressive, creating a character that was maternal and caring, yet tenacious and bold. Perhaps the most impressive part of Boyd and Mills' performance was their ability to balance the comedic and dramatic portions of the play. They were extremely funny, yet poignant and touching at times.

The players' outstanding performance is partially a product of director Scot Denton's impressive talent. Denton has an extensive background in professional theatre, and it is evident that he uses his experience to bring out the best in his actors.

On Monday evening, the play struck a chord with the senior portion of the audience. Almost every comment Mills made about his character's age and failing health was greeted with boisterous laughter.

Costume Designer Melissa Stephens did a fine job creating Boyd's wardrobe. Throughout the play she sported a series of attractive 1960's dresses and coats, and several adorable hats.

Set in Biddle's office above his garage, the play had an impressive set. The prop workers and set dressers insured that everything appeared to be from the 1960's. This included old space heaters, globes, and even a 50 year–old dictograph.

*Trying* is a very well written and enjoyable play. It is a fine addition to the Highlands Summer Festival, and one that will no doubt entertain many theatre patrons this summer. It will be at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion until July 25.■

# Super Crossword

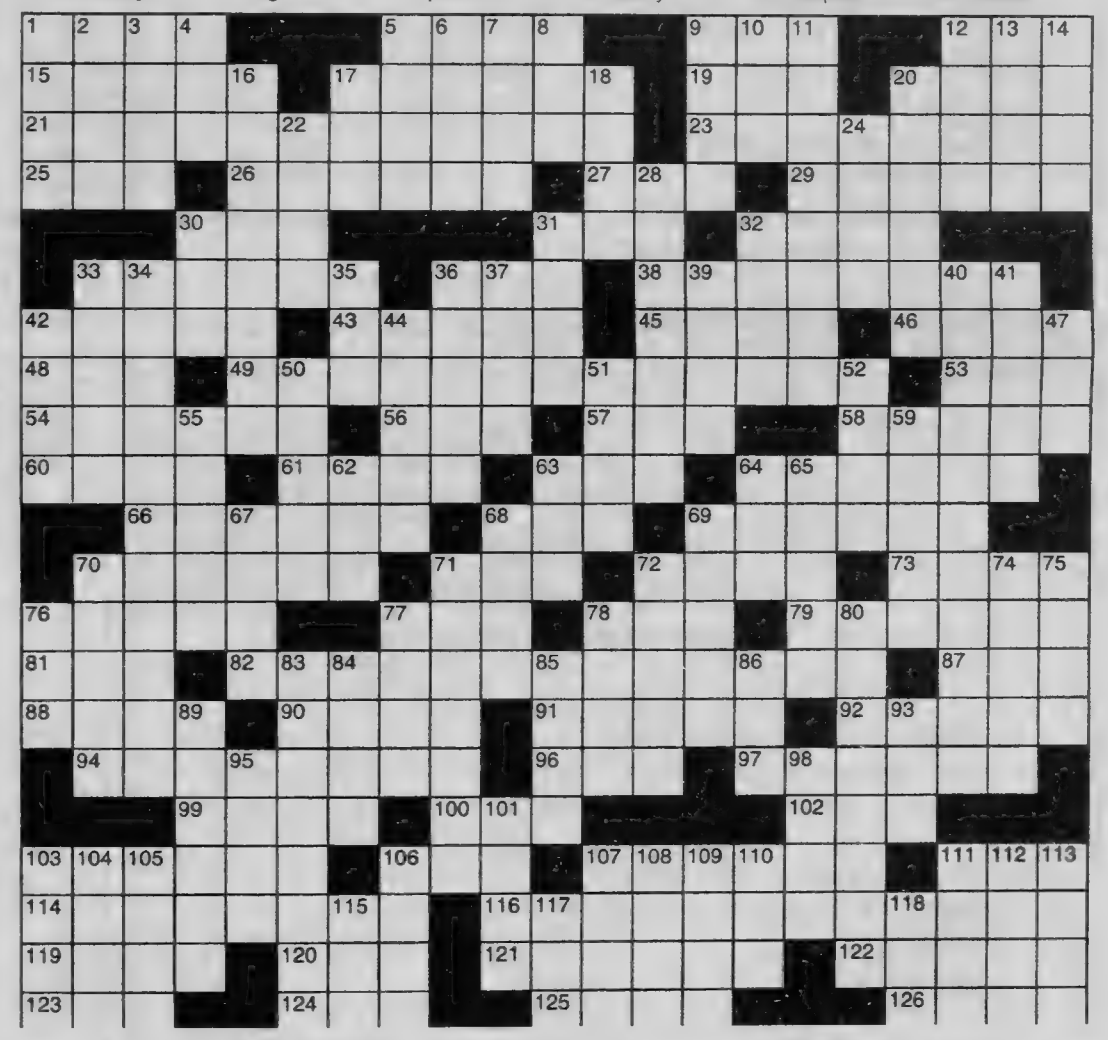
PUNBLICATIONS

**ACROSS**

1 Move like a mouse
5 Neighbor of Java
9 "— Medicine" ('88 hit)
12 Corpulent
15 Early computer
17 TV's "— Heroes"
19 Campbell of UB40
20 Poorly
21 Restaurant critic's zine?
23 Librarian's journal?
25 Explosive initials
26 Column
27 Max — Sydow
29 Bunch of ballplayers
30 Solidify
31 Weber's "— Freischutz"
32 Prepared to drive
33 Let up
36 Arthur or Pons
38 — carrier
42 Snapshot
43 — Lama
45 Strained
46 DEA officer
48 Browning's bedtime?
49 Gardener's monthly?
53 — -jongg
54 Hymns of praise
56 Viper
57 Milne creature
58 Digression
60 Gouda alternative
61 — River, NJ
63 Tenor Peerce
64 Like Simon
66 Groovy Austin
68 Pugilistic poke
69 Stephen King book
70 Mutiny
71 Produce a parka
72 — fide
73 Byzantine art form
76 Pants parts
77 Ram's ma'am
78 Directional suffix
79 Sock style
81 Feign
82 Tree surgeon's periodical?
87 Middling mark
88 Whippet's wagger
90 Enormous
91 Terpsichore's sister
92 104 Down, e.g.
94 Broadway arrangement
96 Kennel feature
97 Kitten gear?
99 Petite pie
100 Sprite
102 "— Buttermilk Sky" ('46 song)
103 Classify
106 Maestro de Waart
107 "Electric —" ('83 hit)
111 To and —
114 Sailor's reading?
116 Depression era magazine?
119 Icelandic epic
120 Capek play
121 Bring to light
122 Goatish gamboler
123 Have unpaid bills
124 "Hiver" opposite
125 "— to Order" ('87 film)
126 Highflying agcy.

**DOWN**

1 Adroit
2 Ever's partner
3 Crowdburst?
4 Lincoln son
5 Pipe part
6 Turkish title
7 Den
8 "Newhart" setting
9 Holstein's home
10 Flagon filler
11 Patois
12 Beat
13 Felipe, Jesus, or Matty
14 Little one
16 South African port
17 Cholesterol letters
18 Golfer Ballesteros
20 Nigerian city
22 "Aida" river
24 Forest ruminant
28 Ciceronian speech
30 "GoodFellas" gun
31 Place to pontificate
32 Correct
33 Forward
34 Rover's review?
35 Presidential monogram
36 Sanctify
37 Tombstone lawman
39 Shake-spearean heavy
40 Wholesome biker's publication?
41 Carpentry or printing
42 Monsieur Le Pew
44 Patriot Samuel
47 "Evita" character
50 — Park, CO
51 Uninteresting
52 Subdue Simba
55 Pavarotti's love
59 Bit of parsley
62 Northwestern st.
63 Mouth piece?
64 Anger or envy
65 Composer Albeniz
67 Slender trace
68 Be a wise guy
69 French impression-ist
70 Chingach-gook's son
71 Nailed a gnat
72 Boitano or Blessed
74 New York city
75 Require
76 The Kit — Club
77 In addition
78 Stocking shade
80 Antsy
83 Opera feature
84 Future of the present
85 Medieval menial
86 — de plume
89 One of the Jacksons
93 Gobbled up
95 Apparel
98 Debtors' letters
101 Stud site
103 Lhasa —
104 Cabbage concoction
105 Philosopher
106 Bronte heroine
107 Where to find an onager
108 "Veni, vidi, —"
109 Markey or Bagnold
110 Fisherman's snare
111 Chalky cheese
112 Skates
113 Gumbo thickener
115 Absent
117 City on the Danube
118 Ashen



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# Wilberforce Cats ... More or Less

***"Council will continue to enforce the by-law but only on a complaint." (Highlands East CAO)***

Liz Danielsen
*Staff Reporter*

Feral cats had emotions running high last week in Highlands East. The Municipal Office and Council are receiving more complaints about the animals and in an unfortunate incident, a lack of communication resulted in at least one cat being destroyed.

Bud Friesman, who has been caring for a colony of feral cats on Clement Lake Road, is distraught at the loss of one of his cats, but according to the CAO and Reeve the Municipal Council decided to take a firm stand on enforcing their Cat By-law whenever they receive a complaint.

In essence Highlands East's By-Law #2007-51 restricts people from harbouring or keeping any more than two cats in a residential zone. The by-law requires that all cats be immunized and proof of immunization must be made available if requested by the By-Law Officer. The by-law also prohibits and regulates cats running at large.

Friesman, with the support of Mary Shepherd from Animal Outreach in London, ON, has been promoting the trap, neuter and release (TNR) program, which is proven to reduce feline numbers and other problems associated with feral cats. According to Friesman, discussions with both Reeve Dave Burton and By-law Officer Terry Graham over the past month left him with the impression that the Municipality would not take any action against his cats until they heard a presentation by Animal Outreach. Other than trying to work with Friesman as much as possible, both Burton and Graham say no such agreement was reached.

The situation heated up when one of Friesman's neighbours trapped a cat, something according to the by-law he was well within his rights to do as the cat was on his property. Both Burton and Graham said this same man had voiced his frustrations in the past about the cats spraying his home and yard, creating an intolerable smell.

According to Graham, the man called the Municipal Office to ask the by-law officer to pick the cat up. Unfortunately Graham, who had been dealing with Friesman in the past, was away. The Municipality then contracted another Animal Control Officer, Rob Elstone from Faraday. It seemed a good fit as Elstone has ongoing dealings with the PAWS animal shelter that receives animals from Highlands East. It was Elstone who was called in to pick up the cat.

Friesman, who was under the impression that no immediate action would be taken regarding his cats, was surprised when he and his wife Donna saw an unknown individual placing a caged cat in the back of a black truck. A heated discussion ensued between Friesman and a man who would only identify himself as an employee of the Municipality. Friesman says he was trying to identify the cat and find out where it was being taken, without success.

Friesman says his concerns heightened when he later tried to locate and identify the cat. Discussions with another neighbour indicated that the cat might have been someone's pet, and not one of the feral cats. Friesman called the animal shelter but the cat was not there. When questioned by the County Voice no one involved seemed to know where the cat was or who it belonged to.

According to earlier discussions with Graham, trapped cats are normally taken to the PAWS animal shelter in Faraday. This cat, however, never made it. It was later confirmed by Reeve Burton and Municipal officials that the cat was destroyed, something that section 4.1(c) of the by-law does authorize without allowing anyone, whether owner or otherwise interested parties, to reclaim it.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig, CAO of Highlands East said she sympathized with Friesman's concerns as an animal lover but also said, "Terry Graham, our By-law Officer has conducted a complete investigation with all of the parties involved and the matter has been handled." According to Stoughton-Craig, Council will continue to enforce the by-law, but only on a complaint.

Reeve Burton also confirmed that the by-law will continue to be enforced. Burton, who is clearly frustrated with continuing problems over cats, said he also looked forward to the presentation scheduled to be made in the County Council chambers on July 23rd about the TNR program which is being touted by many groups as the solution to the problem associated with feral cats.

Burton and in fact all of Council are trapped themselves. While not wishing to appear inhumane, they must respond to the complaints of their residents. Burton says he's heard a number of complaints that go as far as people saying they will sell their property in the area if the problem is not resolved. And if that isn't enough of a headache, Burton also said that the Health Unit is concerned about the spread of rabies and has called for the Public Health Officer to do an inspection of the Friesman's property.■

## TENDERS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

Tenders will be accepted for the following work:

1.) **Tender Number 2008-05**
**Wilberforce Arena**
Repair roof on arena in Wilberforce to have a six inch overhang on steel portion. Steel to conform to existing.

2.) **Tender Number 2008-06**
**Highland Grove Community Centre**
Replacement of the insulated, steel door and frame. Door to be equipped with panic bar and door closer with all trim and weather stripping.

3.) **Tender Number 2008-07**
**Monmouth Curling Rink**
Replacement of the insulated, steel door and frame. Door to be equipped with panic bar and door closer with all trim and weather stripping.

4.) **Tender Number 2008-08**
**Monmouth Curling Rink**
Replacement of the wall in the basement of the curling rink.

5.) **Tender Number 2008-09**
**Cardiff Community Centre**
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**Closing date is August 6th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.**

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Tender documents will be opened on August 12th at the Highlands East Council Meeting.

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**TAKE NOTICE** that the above zoning by-law was passed on the 8th day of July, 2008 under section 34 of the *Planning Act.* The purpose of the by-law is:

To clarify and add provisions in the Zoning By-law as well as update the related mapping. A general summary of the changes are: the creation of a Hazard Zone to restrict development along certain streams and rivers prone to flooding; creation of a Lake Zone to restrict development on the lakebed; addition of several new definitions and replace the current 3 maps with 13 new zone maps.

**The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East**

The complete by-law is available for inspection in the office of the clerk or secretary-treasurer during regular office hours. The By-law is also available for review on the Municipality's website at www.highlandseast.com

**Lands Affected by Amendment**

A description or key map is not provided because the amendment applies to the entire Municipality.

**Appeal-** The last date for filing a notice of appeal of the by-law is August 6, 2008. Any such appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the Municipality, and must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by a cheque or money order in the amount of $125 payable to the Minister of Finance.

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Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

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# A Bouncing Baby Boy – in Kazakhstan!

## "We never stopped believing we were going to be parents someday"

Jeff Anderson was born in Bancroft, raised in Wilberforce, and works at Wolf Steel (Napoleon Fireplaces) as a Tool and Die Maker in Barrie. His wife Bettina's a native of Kitchener/Waterloo, and works at Telus in Barrie. They've been happily married for nine years. They both have sisters, brothers-in-law, six nieces and two nephews between them. And, perhaps more than anything in this world, they wanted a family of their own.

So right now, half way around the world, there's an infant waiting to meet his adoptive mother and father for the first time. To be absolutely precise, on July 27th, 2008 in the city of Uralsk in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, Bettina and Jeff will say hello to their son, and marvel, maybe for the first time, at how perfect life can really be.

Uralsk, Kazakhstan? Well, nobody ever said adoption was easy, simple, or straightforward, that's for sure. "We've known for years that it would be very difficult for Jeff and I to have birth children: I've had four major ovarian cyst surgeries and went through three cycles of invitro-fertilization, with no success," said Bettina. "So Jeff and I decided to get on with our lives and we registered in 2002 with our local Children's Aid Society – but for years nothing happened.

"Finally, in March of last year, we attended an international adoption information meeting with the Children's Bridge Adoption Consultants in Ottawa. We knew immediately that this was the direction we wanted to go – and after three months of unbelievable paper work we submitted our completed application in July of 2007. The home study process was also well underway – so now all we had to do was wait."

The Children's Bridge pioneered adoptions in China in the early 1990s, but now has expanded its reach to include Kazakhstan, Vietnam, South Africa, India, and other Asian and East Asian countries. They have an enviable record of success – and they set realistic goals and timetables so clients can manage their own expectations with some degree of sanity. Bettina says, "We did some research of our own and decided that a Kazak baby would be best for us – mainly because the Kazaks allowed a long bonding period with the baby while the adoption process is completed. And then the waiting really began. But through the last year we have to say that the Children's Bridge people were efficient, supportive, and sympathetic."

"Near the end, about 10 months into the process, was the hardest part," says Jeff. "Everything's completed, but not knowing when the official approval would come was the most stressful part of it all: everything's out of your control, so you just have to sit back and wait for the call and the official letter of invitation."

Finally, last month, on June 3rd, the call came through, and "what an amazing day that was! The heavy load of wanting and trying for a family so badly for seven years just seemed to lift away," says Bettina.

The Anderson's fly to Uralsk on July 24th, arrive on the 26th, and meet their new baby boy probably on the 27th. Once there the formal adoption paper work will take six more weeks to complete, while they stay in an apartment. During that time the Kazak authorities allow Jeff and Bettina to look after their child for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening each day for the first three weeks. The adoption is then considered legal, and the baby will move into their apartment for another three weeks while the local officials dot the i's and cross the t's (or the Cyrillic equivalent). They'll return to Canada on September 6th, and their respective families can't wait to see them.

Jeff's sisters, Lynn, Lisa, and Jenny along with his parents Bob and Gale of Wilberforce, can't wait for that day. "It's the most exciting thing you could ever dream about," says Lisa with a huge smile. "We're all so happy for them."

All this joy is tempered by one tragedy: Bettina's Dad passed away two years ago, and won't get to see his second grandson. "He knew this day would come and I know he's smiling down at us and will follow us on our journey. And my mother, Gisela, and my sisters Stephanie and Christine, can't wait to share our happiness as well."

The excitement and anticipation in the Anderson household must be something to behold. The Voice will be happy to bring you news of their incredible journey as it unfolds in the coming weeks.■


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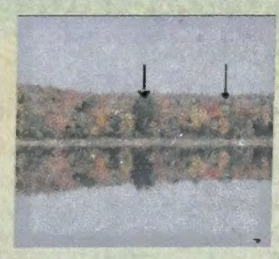

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# Giant Hogweed Returns to Harcourt Park

## Opinion Divided on Danger to Public

It can reach a height of 15 feet, has leaves that can be five feet wide, serves no useful purpose in nature, and if you come into contact with its clear sap, you can develop severe blisters, scarring, and even become blind. And when the blistering has begun, your skin's capacity to filter out ultra violet rays from the sun is greatly reduced, thereby permanently heightening your chances of contracting skin cancer.

But the Giant Hogweed, a renegade member of the parsley family, of all things, is still not considered a noxious weed in Ontario, and isn't listed in the Weed Control Act, 1990 version. The giant weed was brought to Ontario as an exotic ornamental in the early 1950s, and has since migrated to several areas of the province. It made a major appearance in the Harcourt area in 2003, and has appeared in different parts of Highlands East most years since. Last summer Tracy Nottage, daughter of Ted and Linda Nottage of Wilberforce, discovered a five-foot high plant at Blue Rock boat launch on the Hadlington Road, and this year there are reports of a number of plants in Harcourt Park. According to Bob Cumming, a contractor in the area, many of the plants have been sprayed already this year, although there's no guarantee they won't come back. They were sprayed by Ministry of Natural Resources technicians back in 2003, but the Hogweed produces seeds prolifically, so spraying is rarely a long-term solution.

James Rogers, Haliburton County's Forestry Consultant, says that until the province designates the Hogweed under the Weed Control Act, there's little the County can do to try and eradicate it. But in other jurisdictions, for example in King County in the State of Washington, it's classified as a Class A Noxious Weed, with eradication required. The King County Weed Alert states that the Giant Hogweed is a "Major public health hazard. Sap can cause blistering of the skin and permanent scarring: sensitivity to light may also occur." There are also reports from England of children going blind after using the weed's hollow stalks as pea shooters.

Harcourt Park Councillor Steve Pogue questions whether or not eradication programs make any sense: "I think we should just make sure we avoid them, much as we do poison ivy. I don't think they are prevalent enough to deserve public action. But I admit that opinion is certainly divided on the issue in Harcourt Park."

In the meantime, if you come across this huge weed, treat it with extreme caution, and obviously avoid any skin contact. The plant is characterized by hollow, ridged stems two to four inches in diameter, with dark reddish-purple blotches. The large white flowers look somewhat like a Queen Anne's Lace.■


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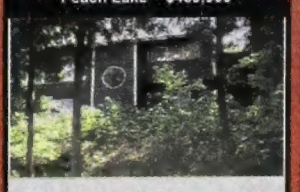

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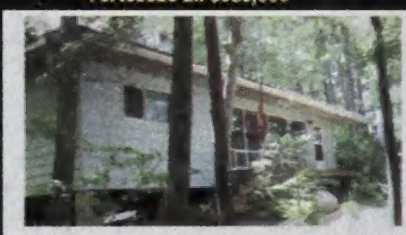

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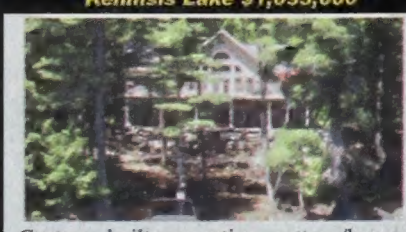

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